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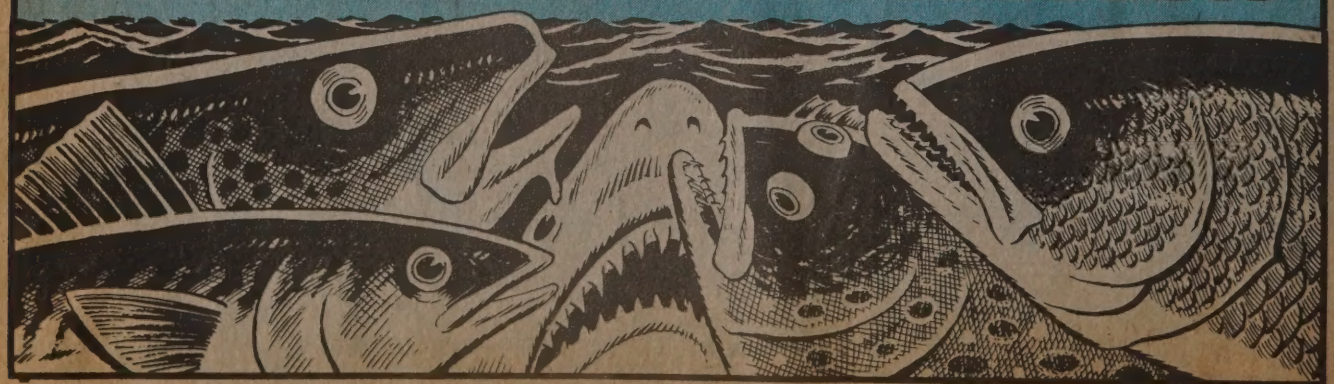

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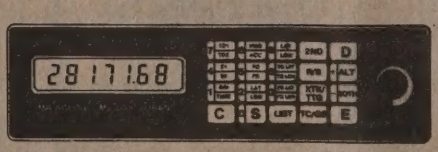

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After all, he is bound for there anyway, so if he fills up his car with eager travelers, he may get his day's outing for free, besides helping to fill the party boats, your steady advertisers.

Why not start something in your *Chum Lines* column? It can only do good for everyone. *Lee D. Miller.*

Why not, indeed? Unfortunately, we cannot provide this service. We can offer a few key reasons why not. One, it would take too much space. Others with Chum Lines questions and comments could be squeezed out. Second, who would call if the weather turned sour, or worse—marginal? The LIF office is closed on the weekend. What about all those telephone numbers floating around in public? That could lead to some difficulties. Instead, let me suggest that you join a fishing club because that is precisely one of the functions of a club. Not only car pools, but also coordinating effort and money to promote fishing interests. What about a fisherperson who wants to charter a boat? Too much money! So a group of anglers who know each other—such as from a club—get together, pool their money and charter the boat. If there is not a club in your area, why not start one. Send us a note under the "Club News" banner and indicate the date, the time, and the place of the meeting. Invite those with similar interests to come. We'll always help where we can! Dr. W.A. Muller.

GATEWAY STRIPER CLUB URGES SUPPORT FOR "PARKS" BILL

Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey
Chairman
Environmental Conservation Com.
65 Livingston St.
Saugerties, NY 12477

RE: Bill #A-11801

Dear Assemblyman Hinchey:

As a sport fishing club dedicated to the preservation of our precious marine resources, we strongly urge you to support the proposed Parks Land Bill which would prohibit

commercial fishing within 1000 yards of all beaches.

During the past few years tensions have increased markedly between commercial and recreational fishermen who are in competition for a limited resource. Failure to turn this bill into law would only serve to compound those tensions. State parks are for everyone to enjoy and we are sure that you will see little merit in the arguments of those who would allow special interest groups, such as commercial fishermen, to profit at the expense of the public. Indeed, restricting commercial fishing from state parks waters will not have significant impact on the industry as only a small percentage of Long Island's shore line is occupied by state controlled parks.

You will also note that commercial fishing not only affects sport fishermen, but small boat operators and bathers as well. As a group, these interests are of much greater economic importance to Long Island than are the commercial fisheries. It's the general public that supports the restaurants, fishing stations, hotels, etc., not commercial fishermen. These are also the people not likely to reflect their opinions each election day.

Therefore, we urge you to follow the example of the DEC and Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission and support this bill until it becomes law. Sincerely, *John A. Marsillo, for: Gateway Striper Club.*

PROTECT OUR OCEANS

We appreciate your efforts to keep the ocean dumping issue before Long Island's fishermen. We are one of those non-profit volunteer environmental organizations working to have ocean dumping stopped. We urge your readers to write their Congressman and urge him to oppose our weakening of the Ocean Dumping Act or H.R. 6113. Thank you. *Jack Finkenberg, MECLI Pres.*

Thanks, Jack! We agree totally and add our voice to yours in asking our readers to write today. It is indeed important that the Ocean Dumping Act not be weakened, although there are many who would like to do just that. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WANTS INFO ON I.G.F.A.

Does the IGFA have lists of world record catches available to the public? If so, how do I get it. *Jeff Greeley, Seaford, NY.*

The International Game Fish Association (I.G.F.A.) keeps and checks the books, so to speak, on world record fishes. If you join IGFA, they will send you a list of these records. For more information on how to join and get information, write to: IGFA, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

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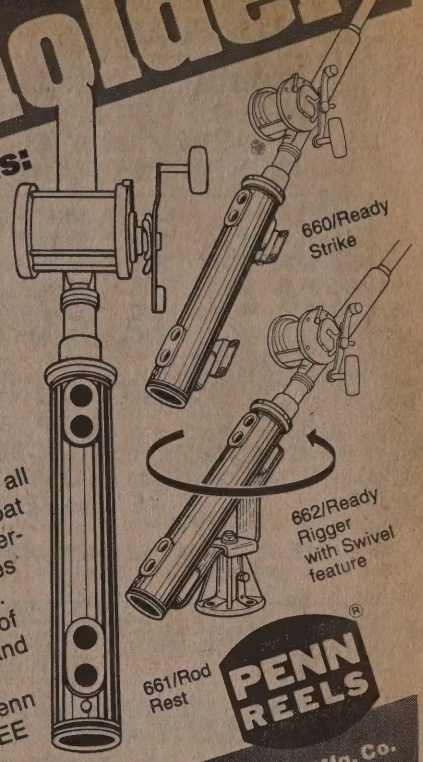

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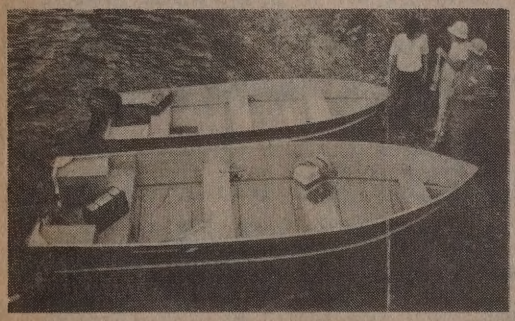

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2nd place, $750, goes to Geo. McLean aboard the Bronco; 139 lb. brown.

3rd place, $250, goes to Phil Fracialveri aboard the Happy Hooker; 137½ lb. tiger.

Tagging Award went to Capt. Fred Espenshied aboard the Knight N Gale.

COAST GUARD FEE SCHEDULE REVISED

The Secretary of Transportation recently submitted to Congress proposed legislation which authorizes the Coast Guard to recover the cost of many services to users through a system of user fees.

The Secretary said that the basic purpose of the legislation is to relieve the general taxpayer of these operating costs, and shift them to the specific waterways users who directly benefit from each service.

He correctly advised that "this proposal is significantly changed from the initial version of last year. There are many revisions which reflect the results of an extensive public review and comment process which the Department conducted over the last several months."

Services for which costs would be recovered in whole or in part include short range aids to navigation, radio navigation systems, port safety and security, recreational boating safety,

commercial vessel safety and documentation, some domestic icebreaking services and marine environmental protection.

In a major change from earlier proposals, search and rescue operations dealing with life threatening incidents have been eliminated from cost recovery. Much smaller annual fees are proposed for recreational boaters to cover the cost of non-life threatening incidents such as boaters out of gas or stuck on sandbars.

Another major revision was the elimination of fees for boats which are used in waters solely under state jurisdiction, such as the many thousands of lakes and rivers across the country.

Recreational boats under 20 ft. in length would not be affected, and the annual fee for boats of 20 to 26 feet would be about $25.

Other fees would be authorized for commercial vessels, both U.S. and foreign flag, operating international trade, and for vessels, tugs and barges in domestic and inland waters. Special fees have been developed relating to mobile drilling operations and shore based facilities where safety and marine protection inspections are conducted.

Proposed fees for commercial fishing vessels have been sharply reduced from earlier proposals. In addition, a new category was established for smaller vessels under five gross tons. The lowest fee of $290 per year would be sought for these vessels.

Direct charges are also planned for vessel documentation, measurement and inspection, and Coast Guard licensing and certification of maritime personnel.

In total, the proposed user fee system would expect to recover about $440 million per year from these operations, which directly serve the marine users. This represents about 30% of the Coast Guard's annual operating budget, or 21% of its total budget. Most Coast Guard activities which are not related directly to specific user groups are not affected. This includes enforcement of laws and treaties, marine sciences research, military readiness, polar operations, or any of the costs of procuring capital equipment and facilities, or for retirement pay or reserve affairs.

The proposed legislation would treat the fees as proprietary receipts for the Department of Transportation to help defray the costs of Coast Guard services.

FISHING PATTERNS

The word "pattern" that's become a standard in the jargon of fishermen may be confusing to anglers not addicted to tournaments or disciples of fishing writers.

Understanding this term is simplicity itself, contend the fishing experts at Mercury Outboards. In fact, they add, most anyone who's reasonably successful with rod and reel has been practicing the basic tenets of pattern fishing all along...perhaps blissfully unaware of the term.

But pattern fishing does have significance, particularly when applied in a methodical manner. It can help a luckless fihserman improve his lot and boost results for a good one.

Stripped to essentials, "pattern" describes the best method of taking fish on a given day on a certain body of water.

In the summer, predawn tactics with topwater lures in the shallows usually give way to deeper running plugs or bottom-bumping worms as the sun strikes the surface. This is a conscious approach to anticipating fish locations and what they'll hit.

Lure preference is critical. Type, color and depth, plus retrieval speed. To discover the best lure, change frequently and keep experimenting until something clicks. Partners fishing differently can speed up the process.

Establishing a pattern becomes a process of elimination, then recognizing the situation when a fish does hit.

Equally important is to realize that patterns change—from day to day, season to season. What worked yesterday or a year ago is only a good starting point to unlocking today's secrets.

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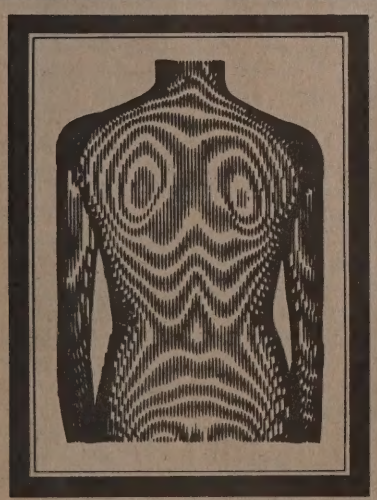

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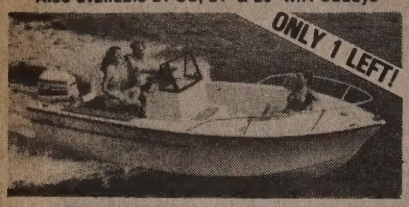

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

CHARCOAL GRILLED FISH

by Eileen Regina

Summertime is finally here! The wet spring and early summer left us with mixed blessings: thank God for an end to the water shortage, but, boy! What awful weather! Now that things are somewhat back to normal, we can settle into our normal routines once more. To many of us this means the graceful, country-style living of outdoor cooking and dining. Be it patio, backyard, or picnic, the outdoor grill and bags of charcoal briquets become the focal points of our hot-weather meals. Everybody becomes a chef in the summer, even my chubby cherub, Andy, who can burn a hot dog or ruin a hamburger with the best of them. After many burned fingers, some scorched clothes, and chronic, smoke-reddened, tear soaked eyes, my hotshot of the hibachi stoically returns the Regina cooking rights to the real boss, yours truly, and we all settle down to edible food again!

In the rush to purchase the usual barbecue meats and buns at the supermarket, or perhaps some well-deserved but outrageously-priced steaks, most of us overlook perhaps the most economical and definitely one of the tastiest barbecue treats available. Of course, I'm talking about fish, and if you have never tasted charcoal-broiled fish or seafood, you've been missing out on one of life's gastronomical pleasures. The fact that cooking time is usually merely a matter of minutes further adds to the inducement, and if the angler of the family is fairly lucky you can really stretch your budget, too. Whole fish, fish steaks, and fish fillets are all equally compatible to the grill, and though cooking times and techniques for each varies slightly, they are all quick and easy to make. Today's recipe calls for fish fillets, and almost any fish fillet will do, so if you go along with whatever fish is most readily available, you can't go wrong.

Ingredients: (Serves 4 to 6)
3 lbs. pan-dressed sea bass, porgies, or other small fish
1 tsp. table salt
¼ tsp. ground black pepper
1 cup flour
3 beaten eggs
2 cups dry bread crumbs
¼ cup melted margarine or butter
Lemon wedges

Butterfly fish fillets by cutting along the back of the fish from tail to head with a sharp knife. Turn the knife flat and cut the flesh away from the backbone and rib bones. Remove fins; clean, wash and dry fish. Season with salt and pepper, roll fish in flour and dip in egg, then place fish in bread crumbs and press on both sides. Place fish in well-greased, hinged wire grill and drizzle half of the melted oleo or butter on the fish. Cook about 4 inches from moderately hot coals for about 5 minutes. Turn hinged grill over and drizzle remaining butter or oleo on the fish. Cook for 5 minutes once again, or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Place on heated serving platter with 2 tsps. Butter Supreme on each serving, garnish with lemon wedges and sprigs of curly parsley, serve piping hot. To make Butter Supreme, combine ¼ cup softened butter, 1 tbsp. lemon juice, ½ tsp. salt, and ¼ tsp. pepper, and mix well.

Any cool, crisp green salad is appropriate here, and your choice is as good as anyone else's. Hot, buttered corn on the cob is a great complement here, too, and you can cook that on the grill also, but it takes a little longer, so start it about 15 minutes before you start the fish. Just butter and salt the ears of corn, wrap each in aluminum foil, and place them at the rear of the fire, where they can get heat without burning. Rotate every 5 minutes or so, and after about 3 or 4 turns, the corn should be ready.

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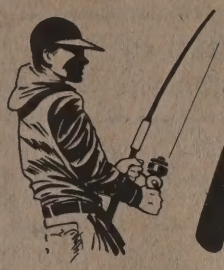

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SUMMER SURPRISE AT "THE THUMB"

by John Fritz

Surf fishing never fails to produce its share of surprises during the course of a season.

With each passing day the ranks of the Sore Thumb anglers increased. Those of us fishing Democrat surmised that our colleagues across the inlet were taking fish, but we were content to direct our efforts from a clean, sandy beach rather than from that slippery pile of jumbled rock and twisted iron. Unfortunately our contentment at Democrat was cut short for one evening when a particularly strong southwest blow, coupled with a flooding tide, formed a break in the sandbar from which we were fishing. Only now, cut off from the only hotspot on Democrat did we decide to investigate the possibilities offered by the Sore Thumb. That weakfish were being caught, we had already concluded; what surprised us was that the most productive lure was the almost forgotten, Salty Dog.

Several years before these rubber shrimp were the number one lure when seeking early season weakfish, but their popularity had diminished with the passing seasons, as many fishermen switched to eelworms or jellyworms. The initial trip to the Thumb I chalked up as a scouting expedition, for all of my Salty Dogs were buried in some forgotten corner at home. Rather than run to the nearest tackle store to purchase a supply of what the successful fishermen were using, I decided to resurrect what I had. I surmised that the plastic shrimp of yesteryear should resemble the current item well enough to take fish. Upon my return the following day I learned that my companions from Democrat had stopped at Augie's and purchased a supply of the newest hot lures. Needless to say, my collection of red, white and pink heads combined with amber, white or red tails failed miserably. While it is true that other lures took a share of weakfish, the overall choice at this time was a 1/2 oz. Salty Dog. The weight of this head proved to be ideal for getting the lure down to the bottom where the fish were gathered. A lesser weight head failed to plunge the depths of the strong current off the Thumb and a heavier head was difficult to work properly with the lightweight tackle most anglers chose to use.

Besides determining the precise weight and size tail which produced the greatest number of hits, the color combination of head and tail was also of critical importance. The choice at this time proved to be a white head coupled with a translucent, pink tail. As stated earlier, a few different lures did taken an occasional fish. Among the more productive were the strawberry jellyworm fitted with a stinger hook embedded in the tail and a 1/2 oz. white Whiptail.

Even with a supply of the "right" lures assured, better scores were realized by those anglers who perfected a particular retrieve. After the lure is cast uptide, it is allowed to sink to the bottom as it swings with the current. Once the slack is taken up, the shrimp is slowly dragged along the bottom with a tantalizing movement imparted by intermittent twitches of the rod tip. This retrieve is continued until the lure approaches the edge of the rocks. The closer the angler works the shrimp to the rocks, the better the chance of a strike. Unfortunately if the retrieve is continued at this slow pace, the lure will become fouled in the rubble that forms the structure of the Thumb. The exact moment the angler should lift the rod tip and bring the lure to the surface takes a bit of practice, concentration and luck. On the lower stages of the tide many anglers will wade out to the edge of the dropoff where they will be in a better position to perform this tactic. Although the lower rocks are extremely slippery, it is not difficult to pick out a flat surface which is covered with small mussels from which to cast.

Even with this precaution taken, and because a struggling fish invariably makes a last chance dive for freedom as it approaches the shallow water, the loss of lures is quite frequent. Several extra lures should be on hand, for even the most skillful angler will contribute his share to the decorations of the subsurface real estate. In an effort to cut losses, the line should be checked often for nicks, cuts or abrasions, which will assuredly reduce the line's strength. Then, again, the tears should not flow too quickly, for these lures are much less costly than those fancy $5 plugs.

Contrary to the time when most shore line weakfishing is undertaken, the majority of these Sore Thumb weakfish were caught in broad daylight. Fish can be taken after sunset

Casters line the face of Fire Island Inlet's Sore Thumb.

but most regulars take advantage of this unique daylight action and are on their way home for supper as the sun sinks below the horizon. Of more importance are the times of the tides.

Even though there are many weakfish in the waters surrounding the Sore Thumb, the majority of the fish are concentrated in a few preferred locations. In order to ascertain these locations, it is necessary to have a basic knowledge of the inlet tides and how they are forced by this obstruction into forming rips and back eddies off different sides of the Thumb on either stage of the tide. The ebb tide is by far the most productive flow, but sharp surfmen will continue to take fish on the reverse currents by shifting their position to make use of the opposite tidal flow.

The favored fishing location, for the early stages of the outgoing tide, is off the northeast corner of the Thumb. It is here that the first rip and eddy is formed and anglers in position off the corner cast towards the small jetties on the opposite shore letting the lure swing to the right with the current. As the lure reaches a point approximately 45° to the shore, it is worked back along the east face of the Thumb. As the currents grow stronger, the fish tend to move further to the right until the latter stages of the tide are reached, at which time an impressive rip forms off the southeast corner of the jetty. When this rip is fully charged, many anglers will abandon their places along the east face and re-position themselves on the side facing the open sea. The left or eastern half of this south face usually produces the better catches, because of this the rocks in this area are quickly occupied. Again, the cast is made into the rip, but this is done to allow the lure to be in a position when it reaches the slack water on the downside of the rip, for this is the area from which most of the fish are taken.

On the incoming water the rips are formed off both the southwest and southeast corners of the jetty with casters taking up positions to the left or downside of either rip. On most occasions an angler will have more freedom to change positions or to work a lure through different arcs, for fishing on this tide is less popular. Because this type of fishing is both rewarding and quite easy, crowding can be troublesome at times; therefore, it is wise to arrive early to ensure a prime place among the rocks.

Strong winds from an east or southeast direction will seriously hamper the fishing here and although powerful south or southwest winds will curtail fishing the south face, they will not prevent fishing altogether. Blasts from the north or west, even though uncommon at this time of the year, will do little more than blow sand off the top of the Thumb onto those fishing below the lip.

On occasions great quantities of eelgrass will be a detriment to fishing this area, but in most instances it collects in a few pockets permitting the angler to work around these masses of annoyance. What is more annoying to outsiders is that this area is restricted to buggies displaying a Babylon Town Beach Vehicle Permit. Persons who do not reside in the Town of Babylon or do not possess a four wheel drive vehicle can gain access to the Thumb by either walking from the Cedar Beach parking lot or from the parking area located by the Oak Beach Store. Those using the latter facilitiy are advised to check with Hays at the "Store" before undertaking the lengthy walk to the Thumb. Many surfmen fishing these local beaches pause in their efforts for a cold beer or hot coffee, depending on their mood; therefore, he often has the latest word on fishing information regarding the Fire Island Inlet area.

Since many anglers are hesitant to wear their expensive waders when scrambling over the sides of the Thumb, the favorite outfit for this summertime fishing consists of a bathing suit and sneakers. During the cooler times of the day, around sunrise and sunset, a sweater or light jacket will protect the upper body from the chill and even though the water is warm, some protection for the legs is necessary. Some anglers prefer to wear the pants of their wet suits rather than their precious waders when wading to the rocks' edge. Naturally, if the angler chooses to cast from the higher rocks, little more than street shoes are needed.

Tackle used by those fishing the Thumb for weakfish is comprised of everything from ultra-light, one-handed sticks to heavy duty surf rods. Several regulars, not concerned with landing great quantities of fish, prefer to enjoy this sport to the utmost by using ultra-light gear. While it is true that a good percentage of fish are dropped, the satisfaction of landing a decent weakfish on this tackle is a greater reward. The best all-around tackle consists of an 8' or 9' medium action rod and a reel similar to the Penn 710 spooled with 10 lb. test line.

Most fish are landed by sliding them onto the rocks. This is especially true when the tide is down, for it is difficult to approach a fish on this treacherous footing. At high water the incline is steeper, but it is easier to get within reach of the fish at the water's edge. In these instances, a light gaff with a relatively long handle, say 3' or 4', is ideal; but usually there are numerous fellow anglers willing to help in landing a difficult fish.

Many dynamite lures of yesteryear have long since been cast aside to be replaced by the latest, more gaudy lures of today. Jellyworms, Whiptails and eelworms have replaced the Salty Dog in many tackle bags and even though a few die-hards never questioned their potency, the scene at the Sore Thumb last July proved once again that they deserve a place in everyone's tackle box.

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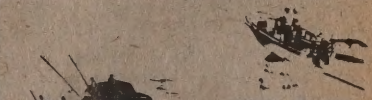

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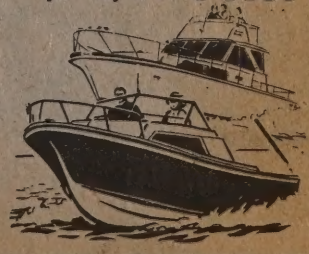

IT'S PORGY TIME OUT EAST

by Al Ristori

For those who take their porgy fishing seriously, the "promised land," is at Long Island's eastern tip.

As a youngster growing up on Long Island, porgy fishing was one of my primary sports. Stripers and blues were caught by those with the knowledge and resources to pursue them, and weakfish were already becoming very scarce. However, there were always porgies by the millions in Peconic Bay—and a fall party boat trip out of Freeport or Sheepshead Bay was usually a pretty good bet for that species.

All of that has changed considerably over the years. Excessive exploitation of the porgy wintering grounds on the edge of the Continental Shelf by American draggers in the late 50s and 60s started a decline which was speeded up when the foreign fleets arrived to sweep our offshore waters clean. Over much of its range the porgy was referred to in the past tense, and that really hasn't changed very much since the foreigners left. Fortunately, even in the worst of times there was still a spring run of sorts in Peconic Bay and a good summer fishery to the east.

Porgy fishing has improved considerably since the foreign fishing effort was restricted, but that hasn't really meant anything to western portions of the area. The once tremendously productive fishery off the Jersey coast is a thing of the past. To be sure, a few hand-size porgies are caught around wrecks in the fall—but, by and large, the fishing is hardly enough to excite a true porgy buff. Similar size porgies are very abundant throughout Long Island Sound, and readily available to small boaters as well as the party boats which pursue them on a daily basis from Bronx and Long Island north shore ports. The Sound also produces a fair amount of large porgies for those who dedicate themselves to the search, and porgy fishing there seems to be getting better every year.

Nevertheless, for the dedicated the promised land is further east. First there's the big spring spawning run from mid-May into June in Peconic Bay, after which Gardiner's Bay and Montauk come to life. There's even better fishing to be found further east, and many Montauk pros are making overnight trips to No Man's Land (off Martha's Vineyard) for 1,000 lb. catches. In the fall, the

Captain Paul Forsberg, Jr. of the "Viking Starship" with a triple-header of average-size porgies taken in the Montauk rips last September.

Montauk fleet finishes up with the porgies at Block Island.

Not only are porgies abundant to the east, but they're often big. The true porgy buff likes the action supplied by lots of porgies, but is most attracted by the "jumbo," "shad," or "dinner plate" porgies—and that's one aspect of the fishery that eastern waters seem to have pretty much of a lock on. One to two pound porgies are considered to be large anywhere, but jumbos considerably larger than that are common from Block Island Sound east.

Why are porgies so popular? First of all, they're good eating. Many people don't like to fool with them because of the scaling problem and the sharp spines. Naturally, the bigger the porgy the less effort involved in cleaning enough for eating. The larger ones can even be filleted, but at any size they are really a delicious fish. That should be obvious if one considers their selling price. The wholesale price is often over $1 a pound for large porgies, a fact which has attracted a great many "pin hookers" (commercial rod and reel fishermen) to the fishery. It's hard to believe that the same porgy which was practically worthless when I was a kid is now one of the highest priced fish on the market!

Another attraction of porgy fishing is that they're usually available in great numbers. Montauk, Greenport, and Sag Harbor party boats not only catch porgies by the thousands, but often have high hook anglers with over 100 in their coolers. When porgies are thick they come two and three at a time, though catching them in quantity is usually a lot more complicated than it sounds. If you don't believe that, just check around a party boat any day during the season. On a day the high hook may have 100 porgies, there'll probably be some people with just 10-20—and their rail position may not have much to do with it. The skill it takes to hook them in quantity makes porgy fishing a real challenge, and the pounding fight they put up should qualify the porgy as a real game fish.

The problem with porgies is that, like blackfish, they don't hook themselves. They'll nibble your bait off time and again, but few will ever commit suicide for you. The successful angler must develop the touch which enables him to strike at just the right moment. Too soon and the fish will be missed. Too late, and the bait will be gone. Hook size can be critical in this fishing. I well remember one day last July off Montauk Point when Joe Alexander and I made our first porgy trip of the season in my Mako 21. We hit a good patch of porgies on the Elbow and were hooking up regularly with large porgies. However, while I was boating almost all those I hooked, Joe was losing most of his on the way up. His hooks were just one size larger than mine, but it seemed as if the porgies weren't

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The "Flying Cloud" working over a porgy hotspot near Fisher's Island.

Captain John DeMaio with a 4 lb. class porgy caught while diamond jigging for weakfish in the Montauk rips.

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inhaling his baits as deeply and then breaking off as they spun in the strong current on the way up. After losing 20 or 30, Joe dropped down one size and hardly lost another the rest of the tide.

It's small differences like that which can make all the difference in a day's fishing. As in any other type of fishing, you'll have to keep your eye peeled on the pros. The basics of small boat porgy fishing aren't all that complicated. During the summer porgies settle into rough bottom areas, particularly on mussel beds. There are more places to fish porgies than there are boats, so it's not necessary to crowd those fishermen already on the grounds. A good graph recorder is a big help, as it takes the guessing out of where to stop. It's often possible to find substantial concentrations far from the area fished by the fleet, and that can be a real blessing as porgies often "turn off" when there is too much surface noise.

Most of this fishing occurs in waters of 30' to 60' and where strong currents are a problem. It's almost impossible to fish off Montauk Point during the running tide on a full or new moon, and most of the pros retreat to spots off the south shore when the currents are too strong. At such times, your efforts on the favored grounds are restricted to the couple of hours around slack water. Under favorable tidal conditions, it's possible to fish right through the tide—if you know what you're doing. It's best to avoid heavy sinkers as you can't feel the hits properly with a big belly in your line. Some of the market pros use only 12 lb. test mono in order to be able to hold bottom and retain the feel necessary to hook porgies.

The real secret to catching porgies in quantity is chumming. Ground skimmer clam bellies frozen in small blocks are lowered to the bottom in weighted chum pots and allowed to defrost. This draws porgies from the surrounding area and can spell the difference between a large catch and a few small porgies. Whole ground clam and ground bunker is also acceptable as frozen chum, and some anglers add corn and rice to the mixture. The party boats don't normally chum, but their dozens of baits on bottom serves the same purpose.

Everyone has their own idea of how to rig for porgies and what baits to use. The hooks you use can hardly be small enough, though they should be strong enough so as not to straighten out as 2 or 3 lbers. are lifted aboard. Nothing larger than a #1 is necessary, and smaller hooks are called for if the fish are small or picky. I usually rig two hooks just above the sinker and another further up the line, but there are many variations which will work. Except during strong tides, porgies will usually come well off bottom for a bait. However, it is very important to use the proper size sinker for the current situation and to maintain a good feel of your rig at all times. You're not going to catch much if your line is "floating" or is holding bottom but has a huge belly in it.

For bait it's hard to beat small pieces of fresh skimmer clam. Squid and frozen skimmer will also work, but porgies will turn their noses up at such baits from time to time. If you're going to freeze excess skimmer clams, give them a good shot of Kosher salt before doing so in order to retain color and some toughness. Porgies are more aggressive than most people give them credit for, and often chase small sand eels. As a matter of fact, I catch quite a few in the Montauk rips every summer while diamond jigging for blues and weaks. Few are snagged, and while most are large there are always some of barely keeper size that attack the jigs.

Those without their own boats can get into this east end action aboard the many party boats that work the area. Out of Montauk there's the "Viking Starlite," "Flying Cloud," "Little Bear" and "Marlin IV"—plus Captain Bud Dorman's unique six passenger open boat (reservations are a good idea) "Waxed." The "Brand X" and "Peconic Star" sail from Greenport, while the "Wilhelric II" fishes from Sag Harbor. The "Capt. Clark II" works the Peconic Bay porgies which are abundant, but small, all summer—though some big ones are caught. Check the boat listings for sailing times. Few charter boats at Montauk bother with porgies, though some welcome such parties. Among these are Capt. Ron Grandinetti's "Julie III" (516-FL 2-2929), Capt. John DeMaio's "Vivienne" (516-668-5130), Capt. Jack Passie's "Windy" (516-668-5741), and Captain Jay Rigano's "Lori-Jay" (516-668-3248). The Greenport charter fleet also will work on porgies. Call A.P. White Bait Shop (516-477-0008) for reservations.

Even for a dedicated small boater such as myself, an occasional party boat trip brings back fond memories of the "old days." I fished with Captain Paul Forsberg, Jr. on the "Viking Starlite" and the "Viking Starship" a couple of times late last summer on days when I wasn't too enthusiastic about battling the seas in my boat. On both occasions the weather didn't interfere much with the steady fishing which was as good as anything I remember when the porgy was king on the west end of the island. One day we fished deep water off the southwest corner of Fisher's Island and the next we drifted through the Montauk rips. Both times everyone caught all the porgies they could handle. On those days we didn't have the 2, 3 and 4 lbers. for which the east end is noted, but no one could possibly complain about the action.

If you want "old-fashioned" porgy fishing, go east, young man! They've been there every summer for over a decade and I suspect you'll have to go out of your way to avoid them again this year.

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by Matt Ahern

Besides providing great fun and superb eating, crabbing can be a great change of pace from your usual angling foray.

Sometimes things get away on a guy. Until this morning I didn't realize it has been four years since I wrote an article on crabbing. And here I thought I'd covered all the bases. Just goes to prove what can happen when you don't keep an eye on the ball.

In the purest sense of the word, I suppose catching blueclaw crabs can't be considered fishing. But so what. From my point of view, I don't believe we sinker bouncers can regard ourselves as well-rounded fishermen if we don't have at least a little crabbing experience behind us. Shows how the other half lives, and all that. Certainly, it is a lot of fun; so much so, that at one time in the long-ago I spent an entire summer chasing blueclaws. I didn't wet a fishing line. To some of my buddies I was a plain fool; but what the heck, I enjoyed myself; and that's what counts.

I can't tell you exactly when I became interested in blueclaws; I never bothered to record crabbing experiences in my record book. I can tell you where I began crabbing, but not the year; a good guess would place it about 1927. As for the place, that's easy: under the city pier at Canarsie.

When I say "under the pier," I mean just that. Artie Leidecker, Jimmy Anderson, and I would hire a rowboat at the near-by fishing station and row under the pier, where we would push ourselves from spiling to spiling, scooping crab after crab as they clung to the spilings. Those days it was no trick at all to fill a bushel basket with big crabs. And along with that bushel, we often netted a dozen or more soft crabs. These came our way when we scooped double-headers. The defenseless soft crab often piggy-backed a hard-shelled companion along as protection against attack by foraging killies and such. No doubt these small fish found the softie as tasty as we humans do.

These softies we kept for ourselves, but the hard-shells we sold on the pier for a quarter a dozen. It was an easy, enjoyable way for kids to make an extra buck. It was exciting too, for you never knew what you'd find under the pier. Bamboo snapper rods often drifted by, but we seldom bothered with them; dead fish were also common: mostly snappers and lafayettes. I think this was the reason blueclaws were so plentiful under that pier, for you'd often see them clinging to spilings with a dead fish grasped in one claw, busily shredding the carcass into bite-size pieces with the other. One time we even found a dead man—but that's a story best left for an Old-Timer article.

The author shows off a large blueclaw.

Since those happy days of long ago, I've done my share of crabbing in such places as Jamaica Bay (near the old LIRR trestle), Hook Creek in Jamaica Bay, Island Park, Lindenhurst, Seaford, and Hampton Bays. Of these places, Jamaica Bay and Lindenhurst produced the most crabs, but the largest crabs came from Schaeffer's Creek in Island Park. For sheer amount, though, you couldn't beat Lindenhurst. I'd rather not tell you about my record catch in Lindenhurst because I know crabbing is not as good there as it once was. But would you believe seven at a time in a crab trap? No—I didn't think so. So, we'll leave it at that.

Now—for all those old-time fishermen—there's nothing I can tell you about crabbing that you don't know already, so perhaps this would be a good time to turn the page and pursue other interests. But for you fellows who have yet to make your first crabbing trip, read on; I'll tell you how I've been going about it, lo these many years.

Water temperatures play an important part in crabbing. There have been summers when I've caught many crabs in late June, and there have been summers when crabbing didn't amount to much before August. Occasionally, the crabbing season will end by late September, and there have been times when crabs continue to feed into mid-October—and beyond, as many a flounder fisherman will tell you. But let's strike a happy medium and agree that from mid-July to early fall blueclaw crabbing is at its best. The later the season, the larger the crabs. Naturally—they have more time to grow before cold water sends

them into hibernation for the coming winter.

Long Island's south shore bays and creeks are choice areas for blueclaw crabs. These regions contain everything the crab needs: a plentiful supply of food, and large sections of soft mud bottoms. Which means that crabbing is never at its best when done over sand. Not that you won't meet with some success in such areas (crabs are always on the move), but the best results come from creeks and bays with bottoms consisting of soft, velvety mud.

Crabs are always hungry—which makes it dandy for us fellows. I recall one time doing a little fluke fishing in Island Park's Reynolds Channel, a day when the fishing dropped dead. It was too early to go home and there was nothing else to catch, so I figured this would be a good time to do some crabbing.

I had no wire from which to make a "killie ring," nor did I have a bit of heavy cord to run through a killie's mouth and out its gill cover. What to do? Simple. I used my shoe lace. Its metal tip was ideal for poking through a killie's mouth and snaking through its gill cover. From the bait box I selected a half-dozen or so of the larger killies and commenced to string them on the shoe lace, much as one would when stringing a necklace. I then tied on a length of mono line from my reel, added a three ounce sinker and I was in business.

I selected a shallow area on the mud flats north of the channel and began to crab. I got action immediately. I netted a female blueclaw to which clung an egg mass called a "sponge." I returned the crab, lowered the bait again and caught another sponge crab. Back it went. This cycle continued for some minutes before I got wise to what was going on. I watched the next time I returned yet another sponge crab. I saw it swim to the bottom, turn, and head for the killie ring. I'd been catching the same crab over and over. The crab and I were simply playing loop-the-loop; which goes to show that not only are crabs fearless, they're always hungry. I soon tired of our game. I gave up, washed the shoe lace, laced my shoe, waved bye-bye to that smart-aleck crab, and went home.

There are various ways to catch crabs, but I suppose the most popular method is to use a crab trap. This has an advantage over other methods because a fellow can lower a crab trap and still put in fishing time if he has a mind to.

Crab traps need no constant attention, therefore, the fisherman is in fact killing two birds with one stone. It also adds a little extra zing, for the crabber/fisherman can raise the trap at any time, always with the fond hope that it will come up with one or two victims. There's no set schedule to do this. A half-hour wait may produce no crabs, while a drop of only five minutes' duration may reward the crabber with several. You never know.

Any tackle shop can supply a crab trap. Its assembly takes but minutes and instructions are included. It's a good idea to tie an 8 oz. sinker to the floor of the trap; this helps land it right side up. Should the trap strike bottom on its side, or upside down, crabs cannot enter to get at the bait and you'll only be wasting your time.

Bait can be any type of fish. Whole fish, such as mossbunkers, sea robin, and so forth, work well. When using such fish it is best to score each side several times before placing in the trap. Doing this helps disperse natural oils and bits of food into the current, thereby attracting crabs from a distance. Always secure the bait with a piece of soft wire, or tie tightly. Wire is best because crabs are quite capable of carrying off bait not properly anchored.

I find the best bait for the trap are large killies that have been strung on wire and fastened securely to the bottom. These always seem to produce better than other baits. Avoid using soft baits such as frozen spearing or frozen sand eels. Crabs will quickly tear these apart and you'll be continuously rebaiting.

As mentioned before, when using a trap there is no way of knowing when crabs are inside. It is best to wait an interval of time—say, 15 minutes as a starter—and then check by pulling firmly on the main line to quickly close the sides and then hauling the trap to the surface for a look. As experience is gained, crabs can often be felt scurrying about inside the trap the instant the sides are closed.

Traps are best used from an anchored boat. Unless used from the sides of canals, deep water creeks, piers and wharves, it doesn't pay to stand directly on shore and then toss the trap out to deeper water. Nine out of ten times, it will not land right side up when used this way.

For the fisherman who doesn't care to use a trap, good results can be obtained by using a killie ring. It is best used when fished from an anchored boat or anywhere it can be hung straight up and down. Since close attention must be paid to what's going on down below, it's best to forego other fishing if you wish to crab this way.

This method is the closest to actual fishing as the crabs can be felt tugging at the bait. They are then carefully brought to the surface with a slow, continuous gathering of the line. Try not to break the smoothness of the retrieve by employing jerky motions. Crabs will become alarmed and drop off if you do.

Construction of the ring is simplicity itself. Use a piece of baling wire, or something similar, about ten inches in length. Slide on a 2 oz. sinker and secure by forming a twisted loop in the center. Be sure the sinker is centered on the wire. This is important. Not only must the sinker hold the ring against tidal motion, but if it isn't centered, the ring will twist and turn, alarming the crabs as they are pulled off bottom. Drop line cord is best to use. Avoid monofilament as it will curl and snarl on the retrieve.

Use the largest killies in the bait box and push the wire through the body from mouth to vent until the ring is filled. Bend the ends to form a catch and hook together. Have plenty of bait on hand; blueclaws make short work of it.

When using a killie ring, a net is a must. It's practically impossible to lift a crab from the water without the aid of a net. Approach the hanging crab slowly, preferably from below, then lift the ring and net together. Much caution is required. No matter how skillful the fisherman, some crabs will elude the net; but this is what puts spice in this method of crabbing.

How's your coordination? Want to test it? Then try "scalping" crabs from pier spilings, wharf sides, and bulkheads. You'll soon discover how fast blueclaws can be.

While not strictly necessary, it's best to use a rowboat for this kind of crabbing. Push it slowly past the spilings or obstructions, keeping a sharp eye peeled for any crabs clinging about a foot below the surface. Work the net cautiously beneath the crab and scoop with a quick lift. You'll find a net with its outer edge flattened to be best. And you'll also find "scalping" is best on an incoming tide.

Crabbing can be done at night from a small boat, or from a bulkhead or pier. A bright light, such as produced by the Coleman type lamps is needed. Place at the bow of an anchored boat, or close by when crabbing from shore. Crabs will swim into the light's radius and all you do is scoop them in. It's a good idea to use a long-handled net, or one that can be made so by the use of extension parts.

A powerful flashlight will lead crabs to your net when they are out of reach. Keep the beam before the crab and gradually lead the light to the waiting net. The crab will follow. Best results are obtained on warm, windless nights.

One last thing: be sure to return every crab found to contain a mass of orange-colored eggs on its abdomen. These masses are called "sponges," as noted before, and often contain from one to two million eggs. Don't fail to return these females as each area has just so many crabs and unthinking fishermen can easily exhaust the local population. And be sure to return those undersized crabs!

Oh, yes...don't keep captured crabs in a bucket of water. It will soon heat up and kill the crabs. Use a bushel basket or some such container that allows drainage and keep out of the sun's rays. Crabs will live quite awhile out of water, especially when sprinkled with sea water when frothy, soap-like bubbles are noticed.

Go crabbing this summer. Take the family. Everyone is sure to have a good time...and enjoy some mighty fine eating.

EAST OF EATON'S

by Andy Regina

The early bird gets the worm when it comes to Eaton's Neck bluefish.

The rain slashed across our windshield, forcing the wipers to work overtime just to keep a small space clear for a moment. In between sweeps of the wiper blades the road was a blur of oncoming headlights and sideline reflectors whizzing past. The tires hummed that high-pitched whine, that unique song that rolling rubber sings only on wet cement, a counterpoint in perfect harmony to the swish of the wipers. It was raining—boy, was it raining, and we were on our way to Huntington for a bluefish trip on Long Island Sound.

I came close to cancelling out at the last minute, especially when I awoke at 3 A.M. and found my neighborhood under water, due to a summer storm that made every other rainstorm look as mild as a lawn sprinkler by comparison. When my partner drove up, he refused to take the hurricane seriously, saying something about it being only a mild summer shower that was due to pass over very quickly. He's really dumb, and I should never agree with him, but I'm dumb too, so I grabbed my gear and scooted down the stairs before Eileen realized what was happening. Had she been fully awake, she would surely have hidden my camera or my rod to slow me down as she tried to talk me out of going. As it was, we were leaving the L.I.E. after about an hour's ride, and it was still raining heavily as we swung onto 110 and stopped at a donut shop for coffee. Fifteen minutes later, after our pit stop, the rain slackened to a light drizzle, and by the time we ran out of highway and got to Knutson's Marina at the end of Rte. 110, the rain stopped completely and we boarded the Ever Ready under dry skies.

Someone once told me that if it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have any luck at all, and the way the weather reacted every time I went fishing, I was starting to believe it! If it didn't rain, it was blowing a gale, and if it wasn't blowing or raining, it would snow! Now, fishermen learn to expect all kinds of adverse weather, and after you've been at it as long as I have you take it in stride, but now we're talking about the usually mild weather of July and August—it was no wonder I was feeling jinxed. The previous summer I had made five trips aboard that same Ever Ready, and four times it rained! The time it did not rain it was blowing so hard that I had to hold onto the rail with one hand as I fished, and that's tough to do when you're jigging for blues!

The Man upstairs smiled on me that day. Not only did the weather turn nice, and not only did we catch a load of blues, that day was the first time I met Packy Collins, our skipper.

Captain Packy Collins gaffs a bluefish for a passenger.

Now, you can pick up your newspaper and read about football stars and baseball stars, but fishing stars become known more quietly, mostly through word of mouth. In my circle of fishing fanatics, any time the talk got around to great fishermen, Packy Collins' name always came up, and I had heard of him for years without ever meeting him. When I learned he was skipper on the Ever Ready, I couldn't wait to get out to Huntington, but each time I went he wasn't there for some reason or other. Once he had a charter, and a couple of other times he was at Montauk; the one time he was free that I was there, an aunt of his had died, and Packy had to attend the funeral. Now, a year later, we finally met; we struck up an immediate friendship (that's easy to do with him anyhow)—I felt I knew him because of his reputation and he felt he knew me through my stories in L.I.F. We pulled out of the slip and slid into the Sound as a bright orange ball of sunlight peeked over the eastern horizon. We were headed off Eaton's Neck Point for bluefish, and Packy liked to get 'em early.

Bluefishing on the Sound has gotten better and better each year over the past decade or two, tribute to either prolific lovemaking by those crafty blue devils or improved fishing techniques on the part of the angler. Only modesty prevents me from declaring for the latter, but where bluefishing is concerned, we've come a long way, baby! Years ago, it was a sometime thing with blues in the Sound, and most of the few fish caught by recreational anglers were incidental by-catches accidently hooked while seeking other species. As the "accidental" catches increased with steadfast regularity, a dim lightbulb of reality lit the dark recesses of some anglers' think tanks, and sportfishing for bluefish in Long Island Sound became an established way of life for many of us. Naturally, as more and more anglers fished for blues year after year, fishing methods and techniques were honed from early, crude ideas to the sophisticated styles dominant today. During the learning period, we became adaptable to changing moods and feeding cycles of the bluefish and perfected methods that were successful for each cycle. For instance, when bluefish are herding and attacking bunker schools, we learned to drift live, whole bunker through those very schools of bait that

were under siege, or drop fresh-cut bunker chunks below that school, where lazier, usually larger bluefish were feeding on scraps ignored by the surface-attacking marauders. The absence of bunker schools spurred some anglers to troll for bluefish, in the belief that they could cover more area in that manner, thereby also covering more feeding bluefish. Now, with the advent of yet another baitfish in the Sound, sand eels, we have perfected the old-style jigging process into an exact science, combining the surf-caster's ancient squidding method with the age-old boater's diamond-jigging technique. The catalysts that made our speed-squidding technique so efficient were the sand eels and the bluefish; the flux that made the method possible was a combination of newly-designed jigs, high-speed reels, and, of course, electronic depth recorders that have come to be known more realistically as fish finders.

Sail along with us, on this search and destroy mission into the Sound, and Packy and I will attempt to simplify speed-squidding techniques in a manner we hope you will find interesting and informative.

Schools of feeding bluefish are first located electronically, either with a flasher-type recorder or more accurately with a chart recorder, where fish, bait, and bottom depth and contour are all etched on paper by a stylus. You can locate feeding fish without electronic assistance if you must, but it is a bit more difficult. What we used to do before we got spoiled with modern sophistication was to fish known fish-holding structure as deep reefs, points of land, tidal rips, and underwater irregularities, like rises or dropoffs on bottom contours. At that time, our charts played an important role in pinpointing possible productive sites and we relied on compasses and shore ranges to put us over paydirt. Today, the game is played with fishfinders and loran. Once we thought we were over where we wanted to be (or if we ran into tangible evidence of feeding bluefish, such as the spectacular show put on by diving, screaming sea birds and splashing, skittering bait or skyrocketing blues) we would cut the engine and drift through the area, lowering diamond jigs to the bottom and reeling-in furiously until we either scored or struck out. Fishing on the blind was too much work, so we did one of two things; we either became birdwatchers and followed the flocks all over the Sound for a fast and furious shot at surface-feeding fish, or followed the party boats to cash in on their use of fishfinders. It's much better and a helluva lot less crowded if you have your own recorder, though, as most of the time you can locate smaller pods of fish that are not large enough in numbers to interest party boats.

Anyhow, once fish are located, the technique calls for drift-fishing because the fish are not usually stable for reasonable lengths of time. The blues are constantly on the prowl, and follow the schools of bait relentlessly. To spend time anchoring would be to lose valuable fishing time, for by the time the boat is set the fish may be long gone. Once the engine is stopped it is extremely important to get those lines down as quickly as possible; many times that first shot will be your only shot, and you want to make it good if you can. Once your jig touches bottom, engage the reel spool and start cranking like crazy; once you get that jig up about one-third of the way without a hit, drop the jig down to the very bottom again as fast as you can, and smoke that retrieve once more. Most of your fish will be caught on or near the bottom, so don't waste your time reeling in that jig all the way to the surface. If you don't get any hits after two or three tries, reel the jig in and check it for weeds or fouling (sometimes that swinging single hook doubles back onto the jig), then try it again. If you still don't score after that, either change your jig or get the hell outta there 'cause the fish have probably split long ago!

A passenger has his hands full with a big bluefish as he waits for the mate to bring the gaff. At this crucial moment, fish should be kept in the water to avoid excess strain on rod.

The jig you use can make or break your day too. Some jigs seem to outcatch others for some strange reason, even within the same weight, size, and style range. Today a plethora of jigs gluts the market, and diamond jigs are no longer strictly diamond-shaped like they once were. Tri-Fin not only manufactures jigs with rubber tails that not only look like sand eels in shape and color, but swim like them also, but has a Teardrop jig and a Tiger Stripe jig that seem to outproduce the competition, especially when used in the Sound. Bridgeport Lures, the stalwart of the diamond jig manufacturers, has a Sandeel jig that looks like the real thing, too, and that is another favorite of ours, especially in deeper water where currents run swift. At any rate, you should carry an assortment of jigs, both weights and styles, to be prepared for any situation.

You will find that many times only a jig with a tail-tube will score, and this may be because that tube closely resembles a true sand eel as the jig is in motion. The proof of this supposition lies in the fact that many bluefish are caught on droppers, hooks covered with tubes and rigged ahead of the jig, anywhere from a few inches to a few feet up the line. Like everything else, there may be days when one particular color will be more productive than any other, so hedge your bet and carry an assortment of tube colors along with your jig assortment.

Medium boat tackle is ideal for this type of fishing, especially on party boats, where rails can get crowded at times and fishing space tight. Here you'll find greater control over jigging processes, as well as struggling fish, as you feed mono line from conventional reels through your fingers, both while lowering jigs or raising fish. Reels with gear ratios of 4:1 seem to produce the speed required to zip that jig along in the manner bluefish find irresistible. If you get in the habit of tucking your rod butt under your arm and reach under and around the reel with that same hand, you can actually let the mono pass between your thumb and forefinger.Now you not only can re-wind line properly on the retrieve, but have complete control of the jig on the descent. Your other hand should be on the reel handle, thumb on the free-spool lever, so that the instant the lure bumps bottom your thumb not only engages the reel-spool but tightens-down on the spool of line to avoid an over-run.

Spinning tackle is okay here also,

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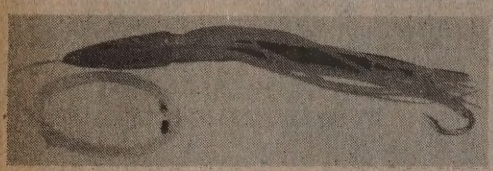

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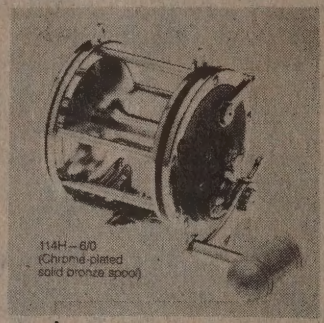

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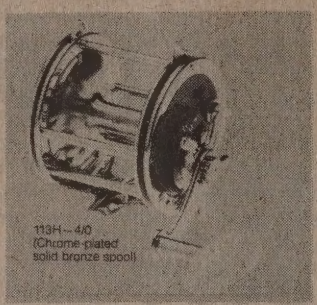

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and many people are using it because it not only is lighter and easier to master, but most spinning reels have faster retrieves than conventional reels feature. The problem with this type of tackle is that it is not compatible with crowded party boats, where the name of the game is usually horsing fish in as quickly as possible. However, should you be on a private boat or happen upon a party boat when it is not too crowded (usually on a day in midweek), by all means break out that spinning gear and have a ball! That's what I did that day I first sailed with Packy, the day this story is all about in the first place. Along with a medium conventional outfit, I brought a light spinning outfit, figuring to use that if any weakfish showed. As it turned out, no weaks came aboard that day, but the bluefish were small, in the 2 to 3 lb. class, so I elected to assay the light stick. My photos were taken earlier in the day, my notes were finished, and my partner, Joe Pop, and I had already caught enough bluefish to suit our purposes, so I figured I'd have some fun with my light tackle. If I didn't catch any more bluefish, so what? I had my day made already and everything else was anti-climax, right?

Wrong! I was into fish immediately, almost before I took one full turn of the tiny spinning reel handle. That little blue devil put on a show on that light tackle that was second to nothing I had ever experienced. He went zipping around like a bonefish, out beyond the rest of the lines, then leaped out of the water like a sailfish, tailwalked like a tarpon, rattling gills and all, then finally sulked in the depths like big old bass. When I got him to the boat, he was too small to gaff, and I was glad of that fact. Nestled in the bend of the gaff hook, my small bluefish finned feebly as one of the deckhands went for a landing net. He looked pathetic—tired and beat, and I really didn't want to kill him, so I took all the slack out of that 8 lb. test line, pointed the rod-tip at the fish and reeled in as much line as I could, then gently swung the fish aboard. I had him unhooked and back in the water by the time the kid came back with a landing net.

"You should have waited for me to get back," the kid said. "Now you've lost the fish!" I smiled as I cast my tiny jig out again, and the smile broadened as I was once again instantly into fish. The smiles turned into laughs as I repeated the same thing several more times, each time gently swinging the fish aboard and releasing it. A lot of my fellow passengers stopped fishing to watch me put on a show that day, and put on a show I did, milking tackle, fish, and spectator alike for all I could. I'm not normally a showoff, not by nature anyway, but that was a day of days and I really took advantage of it. I'll never forget that day with Packy, when I light-tackled all those bluefish east of Eaton's.

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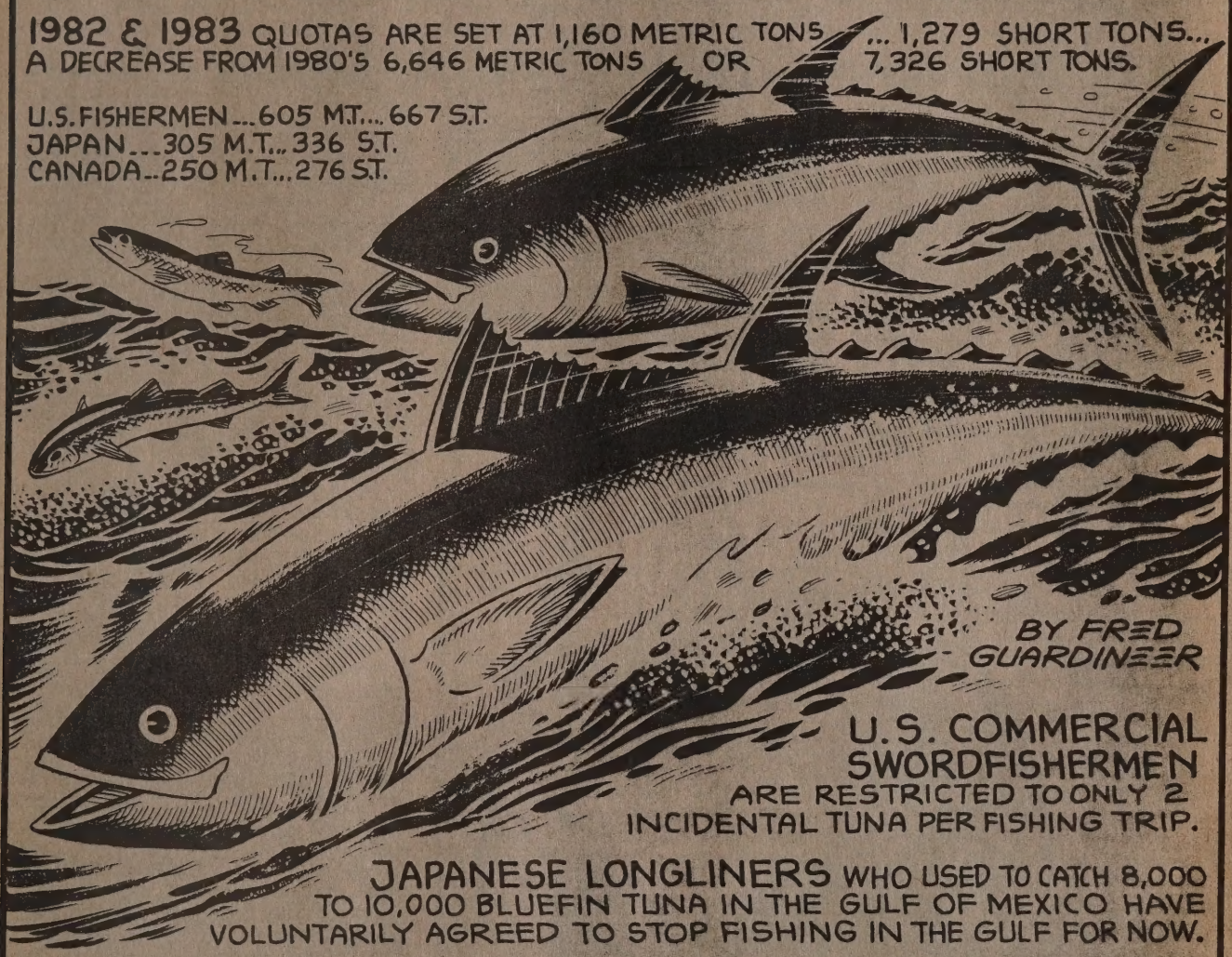

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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WOLF PACK

A Short Story in Serial

Part One—*by William A. Muller*

The dawn arrived on schedule as it always does and as it has for four and a half billion years, and the sun had a hint of orange, pink, and yellow typical of a tranquil morning. In short it was a very usual morning and yet beneath the quiet Atlantic there were stirrings that were not typical.

This part of the western Atlantic, on the edge of the Gulf Stream hundreds of miles south southeast of New York Bight, is the scene for a yearly ritual that is sometimes more successful a ritual than in other years. For days the multitudes of bluefish had been gathering below the surface. The fish weren't here to eat and satisfy their ravenous appetites. Instead, they were responding to another basic instinct; to procreate and perpetuate the species—**Pomatomas saltatrix.**

The females had been ripening for some time now and their abdomens were swollen with eggs ready to be released. The males were milling about anxiously because within them their hormones pushed them to an instinctive behavior that they neither understood nor could deny. The dawn signalled the beginning of the ritual and males began to chase the females. At first only sporadic groups of fish participated, but gradually more and more joined in the spawning. Several males attended each female at first, but when the spawning reached a fever pitch there was mass confusion; or so it would seem to the observer. Within several hours the water was cloudy in places with the eggs and sperm of the millions of blues that gathered there. There could be no way to tell who sired which offspring, yet this was the way of this species.

The fish spawned in the open water and did not hide their eggs in weeds or gravel or scatter them in the sand and mud where at least there could be some protection. Even before the spawning was over there were creatures fluttering through the soup of fertilized eggs dining on the bounty that Nature provided. Had the adults been aware of the heavy predation they still would not have been saddened, because this was the proper way of the ecosystem. Each species reproduced to continue its kind, but in doing so over produced so that other species might have food to eat and also survive. The very existence of the bluefish depended upon this principle of ecology and none of the creatures of the sea denied either its validity or necessity. Thus, there could be no pain in the death of millions upon millions of embryos consumed by other fishes, squid, and planktonic invertebrates.

When the spawning was over the blues, spent from the rigors of spawning, sank slowly in the sea and meandered away. Once again the scene was set for the life and death struggle of the sea in which some must die so that others might live. The blues that spawned in this part of the Atlantic belonged to a subspecies that grew to very large size. Many of the adults that spawned on this day were fifteen to twenty-five pounds. Only one other sub species grew larger but that group was on the eastern side of the South Atlantic Ocean. These adult blues were big enough so that they could only become prey for the largest of predators in the open ocean. Under normal circumstances they were not

easy prey owing to their great speed and agility. Still, there were times when sharks, such as mako, would hunt them in wolf packs, confuse the schools of blues and herd them to a few waiting sharks. It was a system that worked well for the makos. The billfishes too ate the blues but usually the old, the weak, and the sick or if there happened an accident where an otherwise healthy fish became careless in its pursuit of a meal.

However, the tired spawned-out fish were easy pickings for the sharks and billfishes and thus there was an urgent need to scatter into smaller schools and head inshore where there would be fewer of the open water gamesters. The predation was high anyway and many blues became a meal for larger animals. Nonetheless, countless millions of the adults made it to the shallows, but for some the effort was too great. Their stomachs sunken and their powerful muscles stripped of their food reserves, some died of weakness while others began to forage for anything that could be eaten. In these early days of spring the water was still cold and there weren't many larger prey creatures like bunker and mullet. Some of the large blues wandered into the bays where they found flounder and some weakfish that were rather easy to catch. However, those blues that stayed in the ocean ate crabs, lobsters, even whole skimmer clams that were exposed on the sand surface following a storm. In the ocean there were some fluke starting to migrate inshore as well as some whiting and flounder. All of these species and many more were fair game for the hungry blues that fed now more or less scattered because much of the food was scattered. These were hard times. Yet the fish managed because they had evolved to manage and survive. Within a few weeks the sunken stomachs would be gone, there would be much more bait to eat, and the fish would gather up in the schools that were more typical of their social organization.

Another spawning had come and gone for the adults. What had been the all important instinct of the moment was now without a trace of memory. To eat, to hunt, to grow was now the only activity in their lives that would concern them. Although some species of fish spend considerable time and energy raising the young, blues are a species that succeed through the production of vast numbers of eggs. There was no recognition of the young and indeed there would never be. It was almost as if the blues had passed through a spell of drunkeness that none could remember or wanted to remember. It was a brief and unmemorable diversion.

Thus it was that Okosta did not know his mother and father, and his parents, Atol and Petat, did not know their children. Perhaps it was better that way because it was quite likely that the time might come when parents would eat their children; such was the natural way of this great predator.

The young blues were developing inside their eggs drifting at the edge of the Gulf Stream that moved to the north and east. In late spring and early summer the Stream began to develop great eddies that pushed extremely close to the shore. It was these eddies that carried the surviving developing bluefish eggs north. Within several days the eggs hatched and in places the sea swarmed with microscopic black dots and dashes. At this stage in their development their movements were rather random, but within a day or so the young would absorb the yolk sac that gave them nourishment and would gain strength and some size. Then they would swim more like a fish and begin to look for food among the plankton.

Okosta was now barely one millimeter long, but he was growing fast. There was no sense of the others like him that were everywhere in the water. There was plenty of food, small shrimp-like creatures mostly, and he grew so quickly because he ate all day long. Okosta did not realize that he was drifting north and east slowly with the Stream, but he did face the fact that every day his life was threatened by a multitude of predators that suddenly appeared from time to time. He would dart into a mass of Sargasso weed to hide and even there safety was not guaranteed because there could be a Sargasso fish lying in wait. Caution was required, and as the days passed and Okosta grew larger and older he slowly became aware that when the killers came it was the careless that fell victim. Those that did not swim with a decisive purpose or approach the Sargasso weed with wide and careful eyes were soon a meal for a squid, a fish, or a large invertebrate.

Okosta was also becoming aware that he was part of a larger design. There were millions like him all around and although he could not see too many of them at any one time, even in the crystal clear water, he somehow knew they were there. He, and many of his cousins, were about an inch long now. The food supply was thinning and the water was getting colder. Clearly this was the right time for a change and so, driven by instinctive forces chemically motivated deep inside each of them, they allowed the spiralling eddies to thrust them shoreward. Within a day or so the tiny fish moved into the estuary. Here there was some cover, someplace to hide. Still, there was not total safety. The blues were still very small and there were many creatures bigger than they that could eat the baby choppers. This lesson they learned quickly. They banded in very large schools as they travelled and this behavior seemed to reduce the danger, yet there were always the few that were weak or who had not grown fast enough. These became stragglers of the schools and were picked off by weakfish, small bass, even bluefish.

One morning at dawn in mid June the tide brought a huge school of small spearing towards them. The school of several hundred small blues rushed from ambush along the bank of a tidal creek into the helpless school of spearing. Okosta's friend Mitka was only a dozen or so feet away from Okosta and both fed with abandon. In fact, the sudden appearance of the glut of food when they were so hungry from the night of resting made them careless. It wasn't too long before the group was in a feeding frenzy, a phenomena that Okosta would be part of many times in his life, and many of the young fish were becoming increasingly careless. Out of the corner of his eye Okosta saw the dark shape approach. The yellow eyes shone clear even though the bulk of the big fish simply glided into view. It happened so quickly there was nothing to be done. The instincts were still there, inbred for millions of years in a struggle for survival of the fittest and thus Okosta's tail was already in violent motion as he saw the great gaping mouth of the large weakfish open and his friend sucked in and disappear while the tiny tail wagged back and forth quickly but with simply too little thrust to pull the baby fish away from the great suction that pulled water into the mouth and out the gills of the weak.

Okosta rushed off to the overhang near the bank and hid quietly for a few moments, catching his sense of what was happening around him. He saw none of his brothers and sisters and all was quiet. However, somewhere out there was a great predator in a narrow and shallow tidal estuary and it would be far too easy for the weakfish to take advantage of the small blues. He waited in the shadows of the bank for several hours and the sun rose higher in the sky. Then Okosta heard the noise of his feeding relatives out in the mainstream of the channel and he moved out cautiously. All seemed well and none of the tiny blues seemed to have any memory of the death of Mitka, but Okosta did and he was reluctant to begin feeding again. He looked around himself for the image of the two yellow eyes separated by the span of black. The predator was gone, and Okosta too resumed his normal feeding. Soon the memory of Mitka would disappear but the need for caution would stay with him always. Not so for many of his relatives, and they too would die and in their death they would serve yet another great purpose by keeping another creature alive for at least another day.

Okosta did not want to become part of any great purpose other than his own. He was very uncomfortable with this school of fish. They were too few and they were far too careless. He didn't know how he would change that, but when the time and opportunity rolled around, he would take it.

Next Week: Part II

RIGGING FOR FLUKE

by Pete Cable

Fluke are a versatile fish. A member of the flounder family, they are called by some a summer flounder. They retain both the characteristics of a bottom feeder and that of a mid-depth to surface feeding game fish.

Fluke will lie on the bottom like their winter counterparts, the flatfish, and because of this they are susceptible to baits rigged and fished on or right off the bottom. The fish will also cruise at any depth in search of food and for this reason are catchable on a wide range and variety of baits and lures.

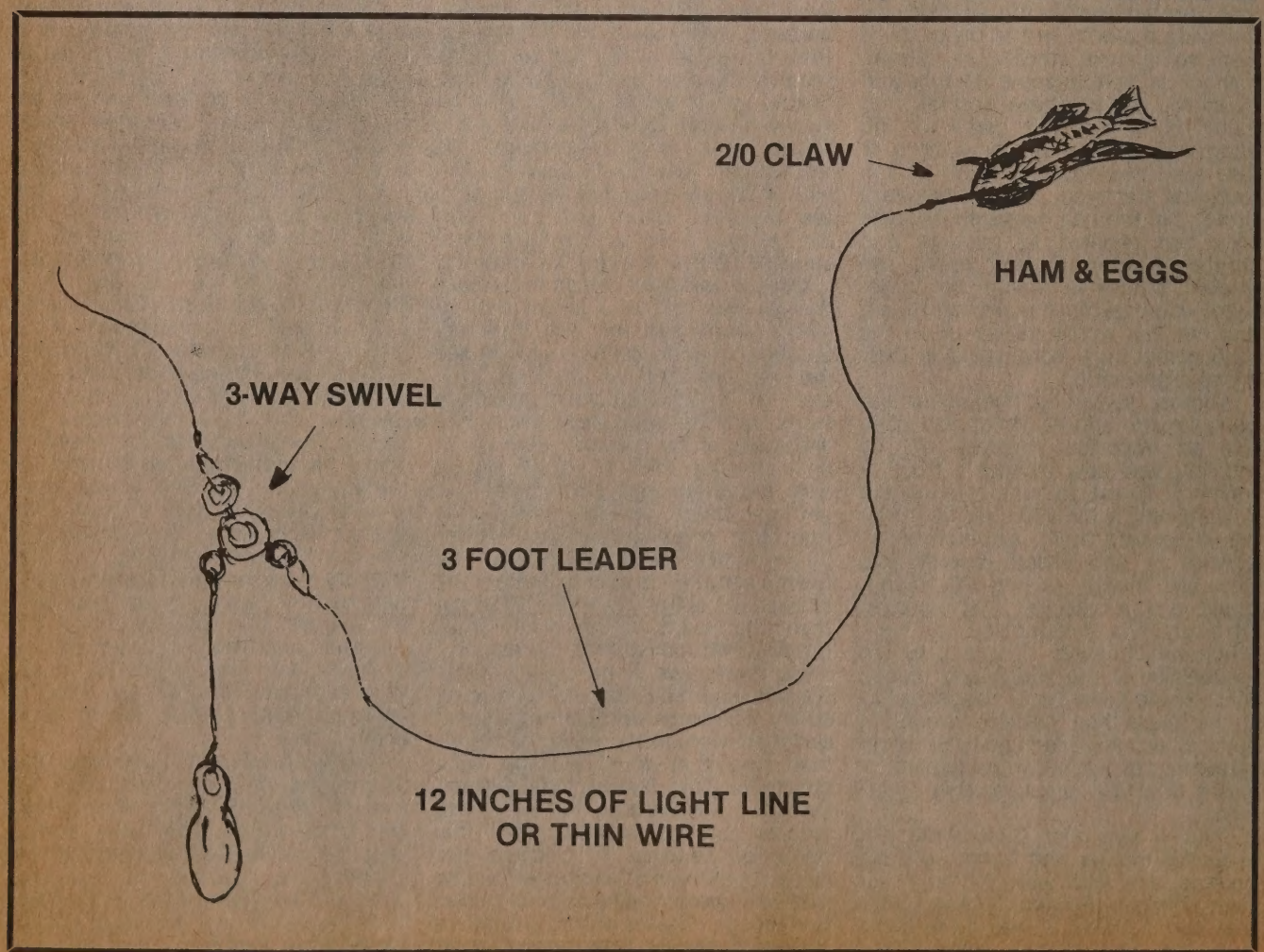
So, starting on the bottom let's attempt to shed a little light on the numerous means man has devised to aid him in the catching of fluke. First, the consensus of opinion seems to be that the use of fine wire short shanked hooks are the recommended instrument to choose for fluke. The reason for this is that along with being efficient flesh penetrators, their design is best suited for the use of bait. Fluke are predatory fish; one look at a fluke's mouth will justify the fact, and in being so, they prefer their meals to be "on the hoof" and not carrion. In the use of live bait such as killies, mummichaugs, sand eels, chubs, etc., the longer the bait stays alive and active the better are one's chances for catching fluke.

As far as rigging the baits for bottom fishing goes, the majority of fishermen depend upon two basic arrangements: the single hook and the high-low rig. Some fish with one or the other; while others, myself included, will fish both rigs on the same drift.

The single hook rig consists of a 2/0 claw or similar hook tied off a 3' leader made to a swivel. Tied off the swivel on 12" or lighter line is enough lead to hold the bottom. The reason for the lighter line between the swivel and lead is so in case of a bottom foul only the lead, and not the entire rig, will be lost. Some fishermen use 22 gauge telephone wire between sinker and swivel and twist the wire only moderately tight at the sinker end. When their sinker does foul and is lost all they need do is twist on another piece of lead. The procedure saves time spent re-rigging.

The most widely agreed on bait for this rig is what is called by some "ham and eggs," a killie lip-hooked above a strip of squid. Now here there may be a bone of contention for I know some say "no, it's a chub and squid," and others say "killie and strip of fluke belly," or "sea robin side and a mummichaug." No wars, please...whatever works is fine.

The second drift bottom rig used by large numbers of fluke fishermen is the hi-lo rig, the same basic setup that is common to some modes of weakfishing. Here the two hooks are used, one tied off on a 30" leader, the other made to a leader 15" long. The shorter leader is tied off right above the lead while 3' separate it from the second leader and hook. Both experienced weak and fluke fishermen also rig their lead to break free of the line



in case of a snag or foul. Both hooks of the high low rig can be baited with ham and eggs. Although a number of fishermen, especially those like myself who use both the single hook and high low rig on the same drift, choose to vary the bait presentation by baiting the upper hook with just a killie or just a strip of squid. Again...whatever works the best is, of course, what should be used.

All this is concerned with drift fishing or if there is not enough current present or if the lay of the drift is not acceptable—a slow troll. But what if the majority of fluke aren't down by the bottom along the course you are drifting? I don't put all my eggs in one basket and that's why I have a line out on each drift at whose end is one of those store bought fluke rigs—spinners, bead, and the like.

Ham and eggs can go on the rig's hook, but so can plain squid strip or fluke belly or sandworms or even pork rind for that matter.

Two other widely used methods for taking fluke are live lining and the use of jigs. Live lining fluke is similar in technique to live lining bass, weaks, and blues. You hook on your bait and let it swim hoping that its erratic motions owing to the drag of hook and line will attract a hungry fish.

The trouble with live lining for fluke is the possibility of running into a school of blues. For some, this would be no trouble at all and neither is it what I consider trouble any longer. Knowing that the possibility of running into bluefish exists I'll make sure I have a large amount of bait on hand before I set out. I had one fine fluking day spoiled by a passing school of bait devouring blues. I've got nothing against the choppers mind you, but when the doormats are hitting it's a sad thing to be baitless no matter how many bluefish you have taken aboard.

Doormats are what all those venturing out for fluke dream of and it's doormats and barndoors or whatever you call the large fluke that live lining will usually bring. The old adage holds true here: the bigger the bait, the bigger the fish. Holds true to an extent anyway. Bait that are too large will not be effective in fishing fluke. I've found medium size menhaden a good bait. I even had success fishing snappers which are less trouble to keep alive than the herring.

In areas where the current or tidal flow are cooperative I've also tried chumming for fluke with the live lining type of fishing.

Going back to the problem that can be had with blues—I forgot to mention switching to squid. Small whole squid make for good fluke bait and are usually bypassed by the blues when they are tearing their way through herring schools. The squid take a bit of lead to make them effective on a drift, a few ounces are usually enough, rigged above the leader in the same manner that one bottom drifts ham and eggs. Although I haven't found squid to be as effective as the live lining of bait fish, it is a good method to try when you are being bothered by blues and your bait is running low.

Now comes what I believe the most difficult, but most rewarding, method of catching fluke: jigging. Rewarding because I believe jigging can take four times the fish as could be caught with the other methods. Difficult because of outside variables that need to be taken into account, and that jigging for fluke correctly is a matter of feel and experience.

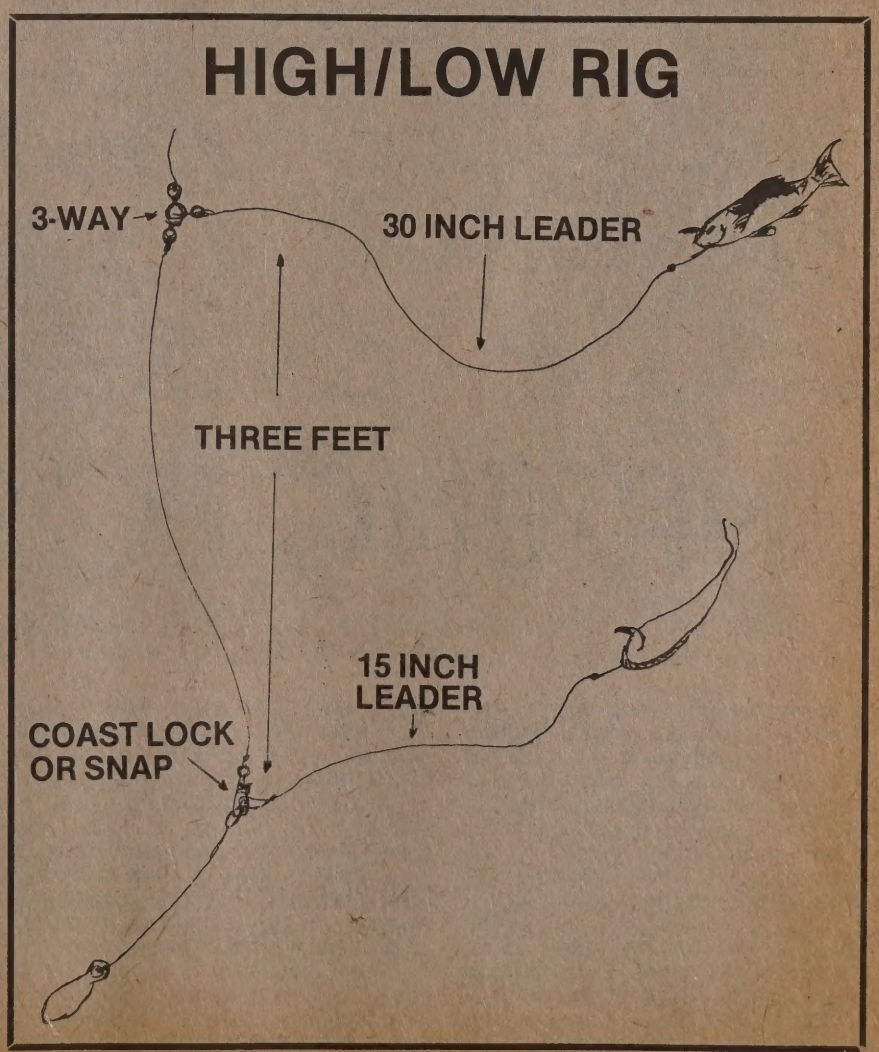
First, it is important to use the lightest jig water conditions permit and second, jig's hook should be thinner than commercial manufacturer's supply. So it seems that if you are serious about jigging for fluke you had either build your own bucktails or find someone who will do it for you. Also, your jigs should tie on the top and not off the center, plus they must be made fast directly to your line with no use of swivels.

The bucktail itself is actually only half the lure in this instance. The other half is a strip of bait on the hook. The secret here is to make these strips short, narrow, and thin to keep the jig action livelier. Strips of fluke belly are good, but what seems to work even better are strips cut out of bluefish bellies. In making the strips remember that their widest and thickest point should be at the head, the end that's hooked.

The strip also should never be double-hooked, for this causes it to be next to useless. One thing I would recommend though is to double hook a strip and work the jig a few times just to see the difference of feel between a strip hooked on right from a strip hooked on wrong. Why? Because the action of the jig can cause this to happen when you are working the lure and if you can't tell the strip has doubled on the hook then you're in for a long, fishless day.

As far as actually working the bucktail goes, there are a few things that one should keep in mind. First, on a drift keep the lure bouncing and never let the jig lay still or drag, just keep twitching it off the bottom. Second, small rapid bounces of the jig will take more fish than large jerks seconds apart. All that should be done is to keep the lure skipping off and on the bottom, ascending and then descending, no more than an inch or two.

Lastly, the strike should be fast and hard as soon as you feel the jig taken set the hook. If you've never taken fluke in this manner before—remember, the smaller fish will strike hard while the barndoors just seem to inhale your lure; so as soon as that jig feels strange come up quick with your rod.



SNAKING FOR BASS

by Tom Schlichter

A fish swirled just ahead as my father eased the 17 ft. canoe into the shallow cove. At the command of his oar, as we pulled even with a small patch of lily pads, the canoe glided silently to a halt. The air was noticeably still and a crow cawed unanswered in the distance. The far end of the cove was still enveloped in the morning mist.

"This looks like an interesting spot," commented my father as he flipped a black, six inch, plastic worm toward the far edge of the pads. I nodded my head in silent agreement and tossed my worm alongside the nearer edge. The worm dropped into the water, sending a shimmer of circular ripples cascading across the mirror flat calm that was the lake.

Not allowing my worm time to sink, I began my retrieve at about the speed most fishermen would reserve for a rebel or other minnow imitating lure. This quick retrieve caused my worm to rise to the surface, creating an enticing V-shaped wake. Suddenly, there appeared a second wake behind and just to the right of my lure. "Here he comes," I whispered at my dad as the bulge zeroed in at a slight angle. The surface erupted as the fish engulfed the worm and turned quickly back toward the safety of the pads. I swung back hard on my rod and felt the hook set solidly into a good bass. The bigmouth ripped several feet of line from my reel as he set off on his first run. Twice he delighted us with head-shaking jumps. Grudgingly, though, the bass came toward the boat and my dad netted the solid two-pounder. "Nice fish," he smiled, placing the bass in our small cooler.

This scene happened last August

on a shallow Patchogue lake but could just as easily have occurred on almost any Long Island pond. That day we were "snaking" for bass, a method that has proven to be especially effective on shallow, weedy lakes.

Most Long Island lakes are of the dishpan variety: shallow, circular and lacking in structure. In spring, before the weeds become too thick, these lakes can produce some pretty good action with surface or shallow running lures. Unfortunately, as summer progresses, the weeds grow thick and it becomes nearly impossible to work most lures effectively through water that had been productive in early June. The best way I know of to beat the weeds is to snake a fake worm, rigged weedless style, across the top of them. The idea behind snaking is to crawl your worm across the surface, causing it to resemble a small snake or eel. A fairly quick retrieve is necessary to keep the worm from sinking. When snaked properly, your lure will create a V-shaped wake that seems to infuriate bigmouths.

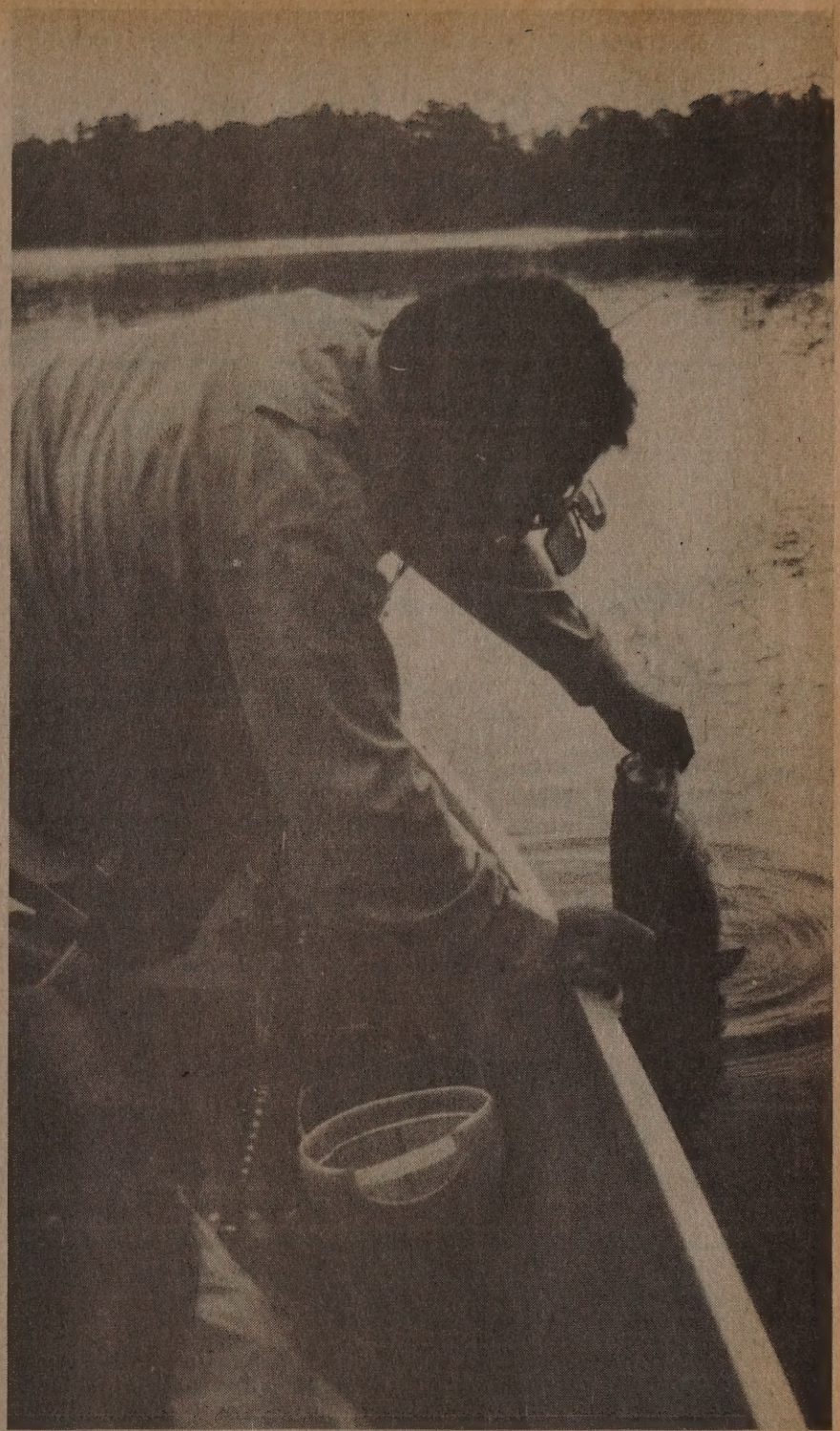
The setup is fairly simple. A light to medium action spinning outfit, spooled with six to twelve pound test monofilament, is employed. The hook is tied directly to the line. No leaders are used as they have a tendency to make the worms sink. When fishing fake worms on the bottom, leaders are used to prevent breakoffs but, when snaking, the lure is always on the surface so stress and fraying are minimal.

The hooks used are interesting. They are offset so the worm may be rigged weedless and without any bends. The size of your hook will depend on the size of the worm you choose to use. I normally fish six inch worms and match them with a hook such as the Mustad 37723 worm hook. If you haven't used worm hooks before, you may want to stop at your local tackle store and check out the different styles available.

Almost any jelly worm on the market can be used for snaking but I prefer to use worms of the flared tail variety. The flared tails seem to make the worms a little more bouyant and help them stay on the surface when worked at slower speeds.

As mentioned previously, the worms are rigged weedless. To rig your jelly worm for snaking, insert your hook through the tip of the head and pop the barb out a quarter of an inch down the worm. Now slide the worm up the hook shank, twist the hook around and bury the barb in the body of the worm. The barb should almost, but not quite, penetrate the worm. This setup is called the Texas style worm rig. Be sure your worm is not bunched up or bent in any way. Bent worms tend to spin and will twist your line into many little knots, each of which will prove to be a pain in the bass to untangle. Needless to say, a spinning worm will not have the action necessary to entice a hungry bass.

Before I go on, one last word about hooks. It is imperative that your hooks be needle sharp as they must be jerked through the worm and into the hard jaws of a striking bass. Even brand new hooks should be sharpened before they are put to use. Take the extra minute to check your hooks. It's not worth losing a trophy bass due to carelessness.



Rubber worms produce some very respectable bigmouths for Long Island bass fans.

Color choice is important. I personally find the darker colors (red, purple and black) work best. As a general rule the darker the day the darker the worm I use. Don't be afraid to experiment. It takes but a minute to change patterns. Just as in all fishing, it is necessary to vary your offerings until you come up with a winning combination. Snaking is at its best on overcast, windless days, early in the morning and late in the evening. Cast your worm back into the weeds or lily pads and snake it out. Ideal places to cast are thick weedbeds, lily pads and fallen trees. Cast into the toughest looking hang-ups you can spot. Sometimes I even cast my worm up onto the shore and snake it back. Most strikes will occur just after the

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lure has cleared an obstruction. It is important to keep your drag set a little tighter than normal when snaking, for two reasons. First, when setting the hook on a bass, you have to pull the barb through both the worm and the fish's jaw. Any drag slippage will hinder your efforts, resulting in poorly hooked fish or missed hits. Secondly, since most hits occur near weeds or obstructions, it is important that the fish does not gain enough line to get back and tangle you in the mess. Controlling the bass' first run is the secret of this game.

Many times you will see the wake of a bass charging through the weeds after your lure. It takes some cool to keep your retrieve constant as the bass zeros in, but you must resist the temptation to slow your retrieve. If you slow your retrieve as the bass approaches, the worm may sink. In weedy waters, bass often depend on the wake to home in on their prey. Once your worm goes under, the wake disappears and oftentimes so does the bass.

Timing the strike is the most difficult aspect of snaking. Knowing when to set the hook is an art which takes practice to master. Since almost all strikes occur on the surface, the tendency of most beginners is to strike immediately. This often results in the worm flying back into the angler's face—without fish, of course. I find I hook up most consistently if I drop my pole towards the fish as the hit occurs and then rap the fish as he turns. This is only a fraction of a second later than the beginner, but I assure you that this little hesitation makes all the difference in the world. The timing of the strike should be comparable to a fly fisherman setting the hook on a trout that has risen to a dry fly—quick but not too fast. Keep in mind that, no matter how you set the hook, you are going to miss some fish. Most of the fish you miss probably will not feel the hook and many times a second cast will provoke another strike.

Before I close shop, let me just make two final points. First, when storing your worms, be sure to keep them separate from your other lures. Most jelly worms will destroy the finish on your lures if they are left together. I store my worms in plastic bags and I also am careful to keep them separated by color so that they do not dull.

Finally, conservation is important. Remember that all bass shorter than ten inches should be returned. Most of the bass you take when snaking will not be deeply hooked and will have an excellent chance of survival if allowed to go free. Please release those you do not need so they will be able to grow.

Well, there you have it. Snaking for bass—an exciting and effective method for pulling those bass from the summer weeds, especially rewarding to those who like nothing more than seeing a fish strike on the surface. Give it a try. I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results.

East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

Offshore action has broken loose, while the already good fishing for blues, porgies, fluke and cod remains good to very good, depending on the day. Charlie at **Star Island Yacht Club** weighed in a 371 lb. mako for subscriber David Goldman of Mamaroneck. Charlie also gave us the results of the recent Montauk Captains Association Shark Tournament in which 128 boats were entered. First place was a 672 lb. tiger caught aboard the C C Rider. Second place, 395 lb. dusky taken on the C V; 3rd place, 394 lb. dusky, caught aboard the PegLeg; 4th place, 359 lb. blue shark caught aboard the Craps H. Bob Man hung the biggest mako and the most makos, 6 in number, were caugh aboard Grey Fox. Watch for Star Island's 3rd Annual Montauk Tuna Tournament to be held September 11 and 12, winners take all. Charlie also told us about a 387 lb. tiger taken this weekend aboard Sal Panto's Albatross 30 miles out. Over 20 large bigeye tuna were taken this week in the high 200s to 311 lbs. The private boats Outrageous and Andiamo scored well. Best was in the canyon at Fish Tails. The angler taking the 387 tiger was 14-year-old Joe Giglio, Jr. Lots of makos have been weighed in this week. The charter boat Wee Mac clobbered weakfish this weekend up to 15 lbs. at Southwest Ledge on jigs. The skipper put 42 in the fish box. The boat had over 40 fluke from the North Rips on Saturday. Fluke and weaks have been brought in from North Rips. A white marlin was tagged and released. A 600 lb. (est.) blue marlin broke off after a 5½ hr. fight just 15 ft. from the boat with angler Dan Rubin on the rod.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6- man limit open boat **Waxed** has been concentrating his porgy fishing at Gardiner's Island where customers have been pulling porgies of mixed sizes (up to 2½ lbs.) all day. On Saturday Bud's fares averaged out 103 porgies each.

According to Captain Fritz Hubner his charters have been having good offshore fishing, averaging 9-16 combined longfin albacore and yellowfin tuna per trip, fish up to 60 lbs. Catches have been on plastic. Sharking has picked up Friday through Sunday, including makos. Lots of marlin around, said the skipper, but they are not eating yet. The game fish are moving in closer and there's lot of bait around. Fritz' **Mistress Too** has been working 17 miles south of Montauk Point and he has heard of a 127 and 145 lb. swordfish taken during the week in 180' of water. The 145 lber. was caught on the Merlin.

We learned from Captain Mike Potts of the **Blue Fin I** and **IV** that Monday's trip for the Vaccaro group, Connecticut had 15 weaks around the Lighthouse, fish 8-10 lbs. on umbrellas in shallow water. Then it was out to Cartwright for 20 large blues from 5-15 lbs. on umbrellas. Tuesday's trip for the Luss group of Water Mill scored with 4 yellowfin tuna from 25 to 40 lbs. on plastic. Thursday afternoon's charter took 25 blues at Southwest Ledge and one weak on umbrellas. Friday and Saturday was a canyon overnighter for the Fehn group from Riverhead resulting in a catch of 3 bigeye tuna (5 were hooked) weighing 155, 175 and 300 lbs. plus 2 yellowfin tuna in the 40 lb. class and 12 albies. Sunday afternoon's trip for the Gurian group hoisted 4 weaks in the 12 lb. class and 50 smallish 2-4 lb. blues at Shagwong and the Point. Captain John Potts on his **Bluefin I** has been hoisting blues and some weakfish all week long in various spots all around Montauk. John's charters also had a blue shark and 2 albies on Sunday.

Fair catches of porgies from medium to large and a few jumbos are being caught aboard the porgy boats **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud**. The boats are working Gardiner's Island. The fish are scattered around, not bunched up solid as yet with catches ranging from 12 to 48 a man.

We've had a couple of good porgy days, reported Captain Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** with fish going from medium to large, fishing mainly at the Lighthouse. Friday and Saturday morning were good. Some fares had 70-80 fish on Friday. Friday's high hook was 130 fish. Catches continued well on Saturday until a zillion private boats came running through the area, which of course, spooked the fish. Good fluking has been had this week off the Lighthouse with fish averaging 3-4 lbs. and going up to 7 lbs. Night bluefishing has been an absolute slaughter. Saturday night's trip for 50 men saw 700 to 800 bluefish taken at Block. Fish averaged 12-13 lbs. and were up to 18 lbs. with a few 10 lb. weakfish mixed in and some blacks.

Plenty of cod at Coxes Ledge, was the word from Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet**, cod running 8-12 lbs. with pools going 30-40 lbs. Porgy

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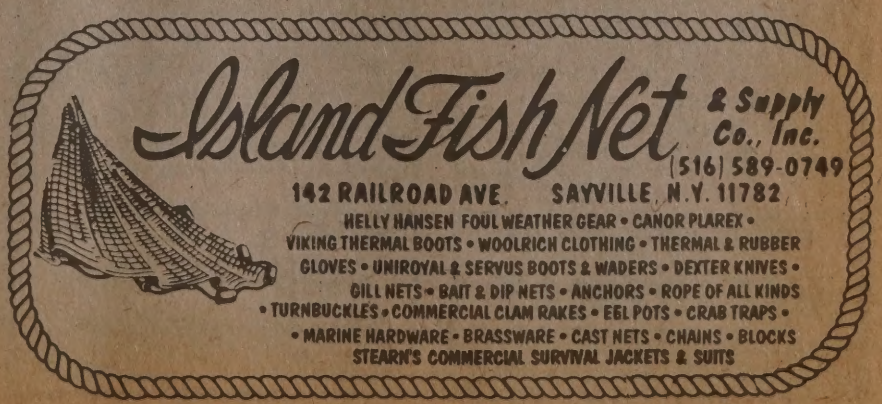
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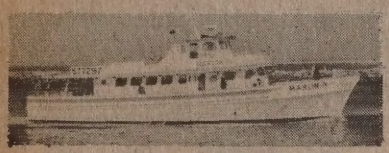

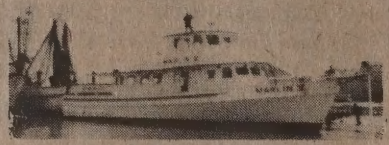

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fishing has been fair to good with fish going 1-2 lbs. at Gardiner's. Bluefishing has been superb at Block Island. Thursday night through Sunday night saw absolutely dynamite fishing for 12-23 lb. gorillagators. Fluking has been good n in the rips with catches of up to 20 keepers per man. The Starship's Nantucket wreck trips have now been scheduled for the fall. See ad for details.

From the charter boat **Sundance**, Captain Bob called to say that Thursday afternoon's trip for Ken Easton and group, NYC hoisted 50 blues from 2-7 lbs. on umbrellas at Gardiner's. Friday afternoon's trip for Mr. Good, daughter and 3 granddaughters totalled 41 blues from 1-7 lbs. at Gardiner's on umbrellas. Saturday's trip for Miss Westberg and party accounted for 45 blues from 3-7 lbs. Sunday morning's trip for Don Herman and 3 guests had 20 blues on light freshwater tackle and small plugs, fish 2-5 lbs. plus 3 fluke, bucktailed on the bottom.

From charter boat **Montauk** we hear of an upswing of action with the settled weather. Blues have been in good supply to the point that you can pick your size and method, on the troll or on jigs. On Saturday the Cornelius James Party jigged over 100 giant blues to 16 lbs. Offshore gets better daily. Sharking has been good with fair catches of longfin and yellowfin tuna.

Jerry Gato of New Rochelle and party fishing aboard the charter boat **My Mate** had a white marlin to the boat which broke off after a long battle and a number of blue sharks which were tagged and released on Wednesday.

It was 384 porgies Saturday up to 3 lbs. aboard the charter boat **Julie III** for Malcolm Jefferson, NJ and party at Gardiner's Island. Sunday's trip for Russell Smith and party totalled 854 porgies to 2¾ lbs., same area.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** fished Mark Seeger of Brewster, NY Wednesday, taking a white marlin. Mark also had a blue marlin on estimated at 400 lbs. which broke off on the light 50 lb. tackle. Tuesday's charter came back with 8 yellowfin tuna and 3 longfin albacore. Saturday's trip for the Wachs group enjoyed catching 7 yellowfin tuna and a few longfin albacore on high speed lures. On Sunday's shark trip, Steve Kapitany took a small mako, 2 blue sharks and a brown shark. The skipper said that due to the last minute cancellation he has an overnight canyon trip available for August 15 and 16, for those interested.

Friday's trip for John Kelly of Shelter Island and friends fishing aboard the charter boat **King Wayne** hooked and landed a 54 lb. white marlin which is being mounted by Fish Unlimited Taxidermy. Saturday's trip for Joe Cuttone, Queens bailed the blues south of Block on umbrellas, fish 8-12 lbs. Saturday night's trip for Buddy Miles exhausted itself with over 200 big choppers

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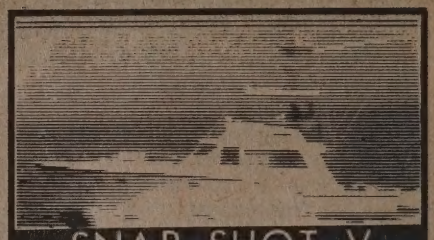

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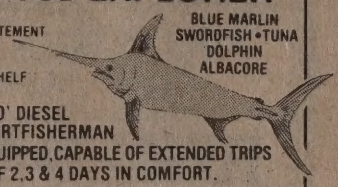

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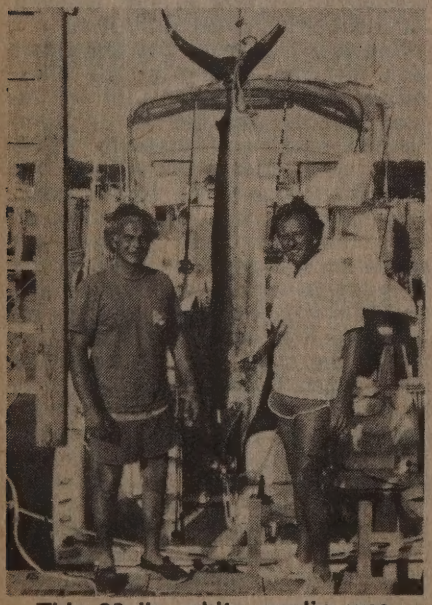
Chester Wolfe on his boat Sea Wolfe socked it to a 629 lb. blue marlin Saturday on 50 lb. test line. The beast was weighed in at Montauk Yacht Club. Chet is a member of the Deep Sea Club. The catch was made at Block Canyon.

Captain Bob Bozak of the charter boat **Christina II** advised that Saturday's half trip in the North Rips for Nancy, Steve and Henry Gregoretti jigging in North Rips boated 44 blues to 5 lbs. and also a scattering of weakfish to 8 lbs. Bob said that the water just north of the rips is alive with ocean life.

From the charter boat **Free Spirit**, Captain Charlie Zabore called to advise that Wednesday's trip for Frank Aleva of the Ridge Fire Department totalled 7 shark Wednesday (4 browns, 2 blues and a tiger), all T&R. Friday's trip for Dave Rosen managed a 100 lb. mako. They also released 3 blue shark. Saturday's trip for John McGuire and group from Feroleto Steel Co. put the finishing touch to a 246 lb. mako. Fishing has been 25 miles out both south and east of the Point.

Aboard the canyon boat **Bronco Explorer** Captain John Keller had a canyon overnighter Thursday and Friday for Yorkville angler John Hoffman and group, resulting in a catch of 2 bigeye tuna hitting 140 and 175 lbs. on the scale at night. They also had 11 yellowfin tuna and 8 albies from 25-50 lbs. A trip Sunday for Charlie Nitabach of Huntington and group rang the bell with 2 yellowfins, 9 albies from 25-50 lbs. fishing in 38-40 fathoms.



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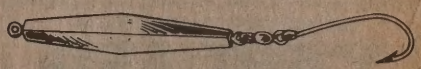

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In the resort village of **Sag Harbor**, Captain Artie of the open boat **Wilhelric II** announced that the porgy action has suddenly become red hot. The score card was as follows: Monday Jim Thompson of Queens, had 68 porgies. Thursday Mastic regular Jim Johnson belted 86 fish. Friday, Pete Bogan of Westbury had 112 porgies, while Sunday George Washington of Brooklyn bagged up with 95 fish. Saturday was slow due to conditions. Clam is working best and the boat is working the Plum Island area for mixed fish to 3 lbs. The boat's fluke trips were held Tuesday and Wednesday off Truman's Beach. On Tuesday almost everyone had 8-12 keepers with few throwbacks. Lots of fish were in the 2-5 lb. class. Artie hit the same area Wednesday and while the numbers were as good as the day before, the fish were a little smaller. Fluking has increased considerably at Gardiner's on the ebb on spearing-squid combos.

Bayview Fishing Station in **Sag Harbor** also tells of some fluke being caught at the Ruins at Gardiner's along with a lot of 1-2 lb. bluefish at Crow Shoals and the Ruins on both tins and umbrellas. Porgy action was picked up at Cedar Point for fish 1-2 lbs., both tides. A few weakfish are being taken at the Ruins on diamonds, fish averaging 8-10 lbs. Tiny snappers are in the waters of **Sag Harbor**.

Barbara at **Noyac Marina** says there are lots of mixed sized porgies around hitting worm and clam. Blues on plugs are a good item morning and night at the rocks, at Short Beach. For mixed blues and weaks, try the Long Beach area between buoys 16 and 17. The weaks are going to 8 lbs. and will hit squid strips or drifted worms.

Speck's Tackle in **Southampton** says that the fluking in the Shinnecock area has been best in the ocean and the west bar for 16" class fish on squid and spearing. Little blues are running all through the Shinnecock area in the 1½ lb. class. Three buddies took 140 of them on tins in the Heady Creek. Snappers are appearing and growing. Fluke off the Ruins at Gardiner's are of good size and Tom's brother had 9 keepers off the Ruins this past week. Small blues are in the same area. Seaford line wetter Thom Meserole scored with an 11 lb. 11 oz. fluke in 60' of water off Gardiner's on sand eels and spearing. Tom, along with 2 buddies totalled 15 keeper fluke. Small blues are in Peconic Bay and an occasional weakfish is hitting squid strips at Rose's Grove and Noyac Bay. Porgies and small blues inhabiting Sag Harbor waters.

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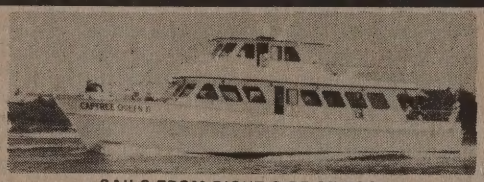

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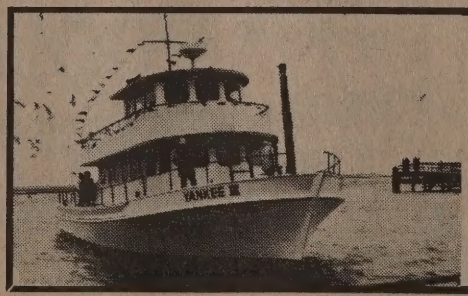

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Inshore fishing this week was highlighted by an excellent run of fluke in Great South Bay while boatmen running out of South Shore Inlets have been enjoying a solid run of blues. Night action has frequently been described as super. On the offshore scene, life in the canyons showed some improvement over last weekend but most of the action seemed to be inshore in depths ranging from 150-180' of water where lots of marlin and yellowfin tuna were seen and caught along with some big sharks.

Pat and Fitzroy Wynter, along with Hank Schlanger, caught these 96 flounder and 6 fluke at buoy 36 in Moriches Bay after renting a skiff from Skidmore's Fishing Station.

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Good offshore action highlighted by Frank Arvello and crew's 52 pound white marlin taken in 180' of water out of Shinnecock Inlet and Don Stimpson's 365 pound mako shark taken aboard the 2 Beers Away. This from Kip Molnar of **Molnar's Landing** in **Hampton Bays**. Kip also told of Vicky Molnar who proved that a few bass still roam the Inlet. She put away a 39 pound striper on live bait. Fluking in Shinnecock Bay has been consistent with East Channel producing the better scores. Jim Markarian had 14 fluke there on the weekend while Charlie Hanft managed 12 nice fish. Flounder are still available at the C.G. Station and the Basket area.

At **Corr's Fishing Station** in **Hampton Bays**, Frank Pelosa reported that everyone managed some fluke on Saturday and Sunday. Sandeels, killies, and squid were the most effective baits. Fishing in West Channel on Saturday Ralph and Millie Rizzo totalled 12 keepers up to 4 pounds. Terry McLuskey and Jim Squier worked the basket area for 16 fluke. A couple of fine makos were taken by marina boats between 160 and 180' of water. The High Sea clicked with a 240 pounder while the Alimar had a 380 pounder.

Aboard the **Compass Rose IV** over the weekend, young Jay York fishing aboard his fathers boat, fed a red and white moldcraft-softhead lure to a 57 pound white marlin in 180' of water south of Moriches Inlet.

A titanic struggle was waged by 5 members of a charter party aboard Capt. Fred's **Moriches** charter boat **Sea Mist** on Sunday. After running to 170' of water SW of the Inlet the party hooked up with a huge white shark which was estimated at well over 1000 pounds. The huge shark was brought to within 40 feet of the boat in the course of the 3½ hour struggle before the white regurgitated its stomach contents, including the hook which was found imbedded in a 3 foot section of partially digested shark carcass. Its refreshing to see that some anglers are at least willing to tangle with such a fish on hook and line rather than simply sticking it with a harpoon has been the rage in the past several years. The skipper noted that he also had 3 makos in the 80-100 pound class in the course of a week's fishing.

Over at **L & Marine** in **East Moriches**, Kim called the fluking in the 29 area pretty good. She told of the Goudoras family from Queens who kept 25 keepers out of 45 fish caught at the buoy on Sunday. They took fish on both tides using bucktails and squid. The largest of the fish was a 4½ pounder taken by a guest of the family, Mary Katuzer.

The fluking remains alive and well in Moriches Bay accoring to Jim DeVita at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** He suggested working the bars north of buoy 29 and also the mouth of Harts Cove with sandeel and squid or Salty Dogs and squid. Catches of 15-20 keepers per boat have been the norm. On Sunday, Dave Roys and Wayne Rheaume both of Middle Island, totalled 27 fluke up to 4¾ pounds. Flounder fishing is still hot at buoy 36 on the last two hours of the flood and the first 2 hours of the Ebb using blood worms or dyed clams. Coctail blues all over the bay on small tins while snappers are at local docks and crabbing is off to a decent start.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** spoke of excellent fluking during the week but better flounder fishing than fluking over the weekend. Fluke are on the flats north and south of 39 on sandeels and squid with catches of up to 30 keepers per boat made during the week. Phil Svtorz had 21 keepers to 3 pounds by himself on Friday. Flounder action is at 36, 39 and the Elbow on bloodworms. John Mohr and Joe Baiera combined to take 97 flounder between ¾ and 2 pounds on the weekend.

Loads of coctail blues between 12 and 21 according to Gary of **Stiriz's Fishing Station** in **Mastic Beach.** Crabs in thick anywhere from buoys 6-19 on traps and rings with buoy 12 being best over the weekend. It was here that Ralph Cumella and his two brothers netted 96 crabs while Bill

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and Betsy White had 112 blueclaws. As for the finfish, Frank Esposito and his wife put away 12 fluke to 5½ pounds and 16 small blues on Saturday while on Sunday, Bill McCluskey singlehandedly managed 18 fluke and 10 blues.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Very good fluking this week in the Ocean Beach area particularly around the change of tide. The fish are all nice with very few shorts according to Vinnie at **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville.** The buoy 16-17 area has been producing some kingfish and sea bass. Small blues are in good supply and are being taken by fluke anglers on the bottom. Crabbing ands snapper fishing in the area has been very good.

Over at **J & R Sport Center** Rod DiGiacomo knew of marlin and yellowfin tuna along with some mako sharks taken in 180-190' of water in recent days. Brad Bergen of East Islip clicked with his first white during the week. Rod labelled the fluking this week at West Channel as "great" with the quality of the fish a marked improvement over earlier catches. Most fish are now in the 2-3 pound range. Ed McCarthy and his son Tim totalled 19 fluke in the 2-3 pound range on Friday using sandeels and spearing. A few fluke and kingfish deep in the bay off Heckscher and weaks and small blues still in good supply at the Inlet on tins and small diamond jigs.

From **Peppy's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** Irene spoke of very good fluking from West Channel to the Inlet on live killies. Blues in the 7-8 pound range trolled on umbrella rigs just a short ride from the inlet while loads of small cocktail blues are available inside the Inlet Proper. Crabs and snappers both being taken from local docks.

Reports of very good fluke action continue as I spoke to Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore.** Carl labelled West Channel, Snake Hill Channel and the entire Inlet area as producing lots of good sized fluke. Little bluefish are all voer the bay and in the inlet while weakfish are under the blues at the latter. A few school bass trolled on umbrellas this week, also in the Inlet. Blues are thick from 75' on out where they are being jigged, trolled and chummed. The tower and canyon area began showing some signs of life after last weekend's poor fishing with some big eyes and yellowfins being taken. Inshore of the canyon near the Compass Rose the Bay Shore Tuna Club Boat, Christina II put away a pair of white marlin weighing 74 and 44 pounds. Both were trolled on green and yellow devil feather lures.

Super fluke fishing all week according to Capt. Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee.** The only exception to the great action were the

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4-8PM trips which were slow due to poor tide conditions. That should be corrected this week when the right tides should make for very good fishing through at least Sunday. During the day, tides are less of a factor. On Tuesday's trip, hi-hooks had 28 & 32 fish respectively with most of the fish being in the 2-2½ pound class. Four out of five of the fish taken are keepers with the pool generally 4 to 5 pounds. Fish are spread around giving evidence of a large body of fish. The skipper has been concentrating on the West Island/Sexton Island area.

Over at **Captree Boat Basin** this past week everything was peaches and cream thanks to an excellent run of fluke in the bay and solid bluefishing offshore.

Capt. Ben Litwin of the open boat **Capt. Litwin** extolled the current fluke run and added that occasionally a couple of big weakfish are taking incidental to the fluking. A Mr. Federicko had weaks of 8 and 10 pounds interfere with his flatfish action. The big news from the skipper however was Paul Kelly's 10 pound, 10 ounce fluke taken aboard the boat last week. The fish is one of if not the largest brought into Captree thus far this season.

Speaking for the **Jib Fleet**, Capt. Marty of the **Jib VI** called the fluking between Ocean Beach and the R.M. Bridge excellent during the week and weekend. 80% of the fish are keepers and most range between 2-2½ pounds. Nite bluefishing with Capt. Pete on the **Jib VII** has been very good with fish in the 6-12 pound range dominating the action SE of the NA buoy.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Capt. Joseph II** repeated tales of very good fluking all week long. The only day he had reservations about was Sunday which he described as fair in comparison to the rest of the week. Friday's action was outstanding while on Saturday over 400 keepers came aboard. Action is from West Island to the Inlet and 4 out of 5 of the fish are keepers. Moe Krim, visiting from Florida had 18 flatties on Tuesday and 20 more on Friday including a 5½ pound pool fish. Ben Noah of Deer Park had 18 nice fish on Friday's trip. Of the night bluefishing Charlie labelled it as just great action, real consistent. Action has been in the vicinity of NA buoy. Day fishing is hot most times but occasionally suffers from a slow trip here and there. Fish range anywhere from 5 on up to 14 pounds. Daytime fishing is all on jigs while night action is on bait.

Capt. Whit Tweedy, night captain on the **Capt. Joseph**, told of a super night on Friday with well over 500 choppers coming over the rail. Whit's dad, Capt. George Tweedy, reminded that the new **Capt. Scotty** is coming along good and a number of skippers have commented on the fine looking boat currently under construction in Babylon.

Excellent bluefishing at night from

the HA buoy to SE of the NA buoy in 120' of water said Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat **Captree Queen II**. He couldn't ask for better nor more consistent nighttime bluefish action with most fish between 6-10 pounds although the pool has ranged on up to 16 pounds. Of the fluking, the skipper reported it has been consistent, solid action all week long from West Island to the Inlet. Cocktail blues are mixed with the fluke at the Inlet and most of the flatties are keepers. Both AM and afternoon trips produced equally good results this week.

Excellent bluefishing on night trips all week long was the report echoed by Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet**. Fishing is being done between the NA, HA and Three Sisters Triangle and fish range between 7 & 14 pounds. Of the day fishing, most trips are very good with just an occasional slow one mixed in.

The charter boat **Dixie** reported continued excellent fluke fishing between Ocean Beach and the Inlet. An 18 man charter headed by Rich DelGreco on Tuesday resulted in over 400 keepers. Ten individuals had scores in the mid 20's. Nearly all fo the fish are keepers and fish each day range up to 4½ pounds with action being enjoyed on both tide. Catches on most days range between 10 & 25 fish a man.

The **Babylon** charter boat **Luci II** satisfied LIF subscribe Bob Goelz with a mixed bag of fluke, sea bass, and porgies for Thursday evening's charter. Saturday's charter got in some good innings with big blues trolled on umbrella rigs in 135' of water south of the NA buoy. During Sunday's shark venture, an estimated 500 pound mako was broken off.

Capt. Phil Nielsen of the **Pooka V** told of great fluking all week in the inlet area on sandeel and squid combos. On Tuesday he fished a charter of the Ct. High School's Girls Basketball Champs headed by Coach Nick Econ. 15 girls wound up the day with 145 keepers. Sailing open on Wednesday, Jim Harvey had 18 flatties. Both Saturday and Sunday's charters for N.Y. Telephone and Cybex Comp. produced fine results.

From **Augies Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin remarked about the hoards of blues from the Inlet on out along with the tremendous fluke fishing. The Inlet is loaded with weaks and small blues, both of which are being taken on Tiger Tails and 007 jigs. Both snappers and crabs now plentiful at the docks. On the offshore scene, Arnold Marcus topped off a trip to the canyon aboard his Mountain High on Friday with a 129 pound swordfish and a 157 pound big eye. Loads of marlin were taken both SE and SW of F.I. Inlet between 150-180' of water. Yellowfin tuna in the 50-60 pound class were mixed with the billfish. A 581 pound mako fell to one boatman in 130' of water.

Ralph Perone of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** relayed the results of the

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weekend's Babylon Tuna Club's Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tournament. First place tuna went to Bob Castallani on the Irish Faker for a 248 pound big eye. Dick Orlandi nailed down the 2nd tuna spot with a 178 pounder aboard his Three Sons. First and second place in the marlin division were taken aboard the Weasel. Greg Antolini had a 57 pounder while Bob Antolini followed with a 53 pounder. Due to a misunderstanding over proper fish handling procedures, two larger marlin were disqualified from the tournament. Moving on to the shark division, Valerie Espenshied showed the way with a 320 pound tiger taken on the Knight-N-Gail. A 210 pounder taken on the Hustler copped 2nd prize. First place in the club standings went to the host, Babylon Tuna Club led by the Miss Marion which won the Captain's Trophy. 2nd place was taken by the Freeport Tuna Club.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike told of Mario and Judy Milito who worked the Oak Beach area on Saturday for nearly 50 fluke up to 5 pounds with killie and squid. Steve Lombardo and Bob Decker topped off a nice catch of fluke on the weekend with a 4½ pounder. They used sandeels and squid. On Thursday, Roy DeMartino and Steve Young put 40 small blues aboard the Sea Note. They cast rebels in Fl Inlet. A pair of very respectable stripers fell to a trio of live eel fishermen on Friday night. Stan Sesta, John Contursi and Conrad Guttenberger checked in bass of 35½ and 46½ pounds. Small blues are thick in the bay and in the inlet and noted Mike, the best fluking is found on the last half of the flood at Kismet, C.G. Station and the Lighthouse.

Gil at **Capt. Jack's East** in **Lindenhurst** told of good fluking from West Channel to the Inlet. The fish ranging up to 4 pounds and averaging 2 to 3 pounds. Plenty of large bluefish camped south of the NA buoy in 120' f water where they are being jigged or trolled in the daytime and chummed at night.

Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fish Finder**, fished a trio of anglers on Saturday which included Roy Martorana, Rick Peterson, Frank O'Connor and Joe Kastendieck. It was Joe's first introduction to blues and an intro he's not soon to forget. His first turn of the rod resulted in four blues on a single umbrella rig with the fish ranging from 12-14 pounds. The fishing was done 4 miles SE of the NA buoy and along with a large catch of blues were a couple of bonita. The skipper reminded that he still has a few choice weekend dates open for blues and fluke.

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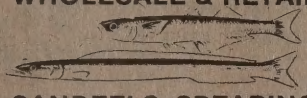

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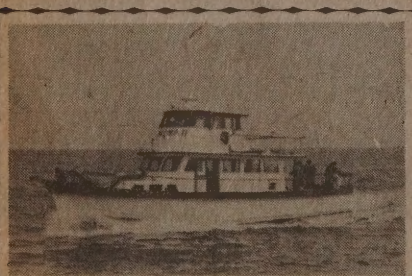

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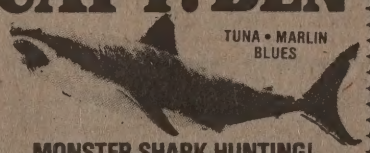

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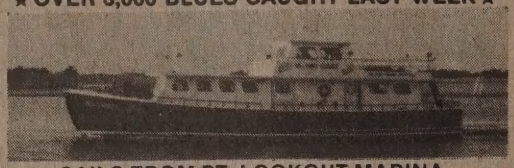

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1 out of 4 or 5 of the fish are now shorts. Plenty of cocktail blues in both F.I. and Jones Inlet and plenty of crabs and snappers at Tanner Park in Copiague. Yellowfin tuna taken this weekend in 160-180' of water.

A trio of fine stripers fell to a father and son team from Seaford late Wednesday morning. Paul Landolfa and his dad Mike fishing eels in Jones Inlet between 11AM and 12 noon clicked with bass of 38, 37 and 25 pounds. They were weighed at Causeway Tackle Shop.

From **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford**, John Dombrowski told of a mixed bag of fluke, flounder, sea bass blackfish, snappers and crabs being taken in the Seaford area. On Saturday, Henry Erickson and Joe Sysak nailed 45 fluke of which 15 were keepers. They used killies between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridges. In the same area on Sunday, Jane Speigel, Frank Abruzzo, Betsy Revera and Steve Stevensenenke used spearing to take 16 keepers. Rob Melson and his dad Lester returned to the station on Saturday with a 6½ pound doormat.

Lon Wanser of **Wansers Tackle Shop** in **Seaford** described fluking as fair overall with lots of shorts being taken at Four Corners, Goose Creek, Haunts Creek, Mass. Cove and the 2nd Bridge. Kings, flounder, blowfish and eels are also at Mass. Cove and Unqua Point. On Saturday, 8 year old Joey and 12 year old Chris Allen nailed 5 fluke to 3 pounds at the 2nd Bridge. Weaks are falling to live snappers and sandworms after dark at the bridges with an occasional big bass at Black Banks on bunker. Snappers are plentiful, while crabs are just getting started.

Jim Watts checked in a 33 pound striper at **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**. Jim took the fish casting in the bay on a Bagley's Plug early Saturday AM. Scott told of some nice weaks being taken near the bridges at night and plenty of blues day and night around Cholera. Plenty of small snappers available from local piers and docks. The L.I. Flyrodders invaded Connetquot State Park last week to the tune of 25 strong. Some of the highlights included Ronnie Prawicka's 20'' rainbow and Glen Kutner's pair of 2 pound brookies.

Pretty good fluking during the week near the Merrick Golf Course and Fundi Creek but lots of shorts said Jimmy Boulukos of **Nick's Fishing Station** in **Merrick**. Some weaks at the M.B. Bridge and small blues on and off at the Inlet. Several Nick's Point Tuna Club boats ran offshore this week. Ralph Drew's and son Ralph, Jr. put a 224 pound big eye aboard their Oceanic. Ed Bing had a 65 pound yellowfin and a 100 pound white marlin on his Bingo while John Demeno worked his Marjon over an offshore wreck where he made a fine haul of cod, pollock and hake.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Bluefish and fluke continue to dominate the scene in this part of town.

Starting with the **Freeport Fleet** we learn that aboard the **Capt. Al** a father and son team Al and Al Fishline, Jr. had 14 blues between them Saturday plus a 7½ lb. bonito. Saturday was the off-day of the week. The Fishlines returned Sunday and saw the fishing bounce back with 76 blues between them from 1-5 lbs. Sunday all on diamond jigs. Charlie Payne of Central Islip had 35 fish while Ralf Leers of Whitestone had 35 also. The skipper said there were at least 2,000 fish caught on the boat Sunday. Marty Rogers of Ellenville Sunday also had a 12 lb. weakfish. All this action was off the Jersey coast.

Aboard the **StarStream II** very good bluefish catches were made all during the week and weekend, except for Saturday's night trip. The night trips have been good also with larger fish hitting under the stars. On Friday fish went up to 15 lbs. They are averaging 3-5 lbs. with an occasional 8 lber. at the Klondike. High hook fr the week was 22 blues. A lot of the week's action has been in the area of the Three Sisters.

Lynn Anderson and party fished Sunday aboard Capt. Dan Polara's charter boat **Nan-Sea** and loaded up on 3-5 lb. blues (all you wanted) n 70' of water SE of the tower. They trolled feathers on top with mono. Dan said that a couple of yellowfin tuna were taken 8 miles east of the tower Sunday.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet**, skipper Mike Dannon told us that aboard the **CL III** fares had very good fluking all week long with high hooks in the high teens. Pool fish ran 5-6 lbs. while average catches were 8 to 10 keepers fishing Jones Inlet and the ocean. Aboard the **CL IV** on the half-day trips catches have been super every morning tide. Johnny Mangine, age 13, of Wayne, NJ caught himself a 5¼ lb. fluke. Jessie Pratt of Wisconsin, age 6, hoisted a 6¼ lb. fluke. Lee Ann Gavdiosi, age 7, of Great Neck managed a 5 lb. fluke, while Shawn Gleyn, age 13 of Rockville Centre bagged a 5 lber. High hooks on the half day trips have run from 10-12 keepers fishing inside. Mike says a new school of fish has hit the inlet.

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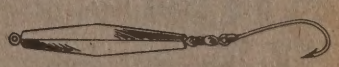

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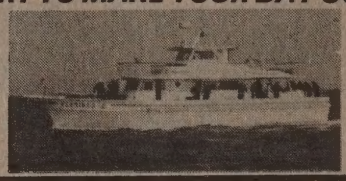

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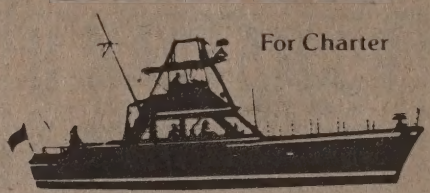

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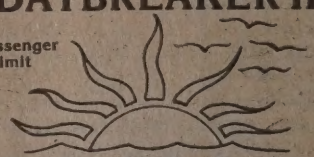

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day advised Capt. Tony Presto saw John Simco with some good fluking in Jones Inlet and to the west off the beach. The 7 man charter from Simco Construction totalled 115 fluke, 60 of which were keepers. Saturday's charter for Lynns Fishing Club had fair fluking while Sunday's trip for Cannon Camera enjoyed a very good day of fluking in Jones Inlet and Reynolds Channel at pole 20 with a 50 percent keeper ratio.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Monday's Trip for Jeff Sobol and day camp group of Staten Island had fluke on spearing up to 6 lbs. fishing Jones. Tuesday night's blue trip for Waldbaum's of Baldwin had a very good catch in 120 ft of water SE of Jones on bait and chum for 3-8 lb. fish. Wednesday's trip for Oceanside Recreation had decent fluking on Sand eels and spearing in Jones Inlet out through Lido. Friday's trip for Columbia Mechanical, Rutherford, NJ had good bluefishing at the HA with fish to 11 lbs. on jigs. Friday night's blue trip for Andy Berneke and group, Huntington Station, had good blues, 2-4 lbers. at the Sisters.

Saturday's trip for Walter Pladen group, Bayside had picky bluefishing with fish to 12 lbs. working east and southeast of Jones. Saturday night's trip for Joe McNamara and group of Richmond Hill saw a good catch made west of the Sisters with mixed fish to 10 lbs. On Sunday, Metro Painters Association, Queens, partook of good fluking in Reynolds, the inlet and off Lido Beach.

Capt. Joe Musso of the charter boat **Suzanne** had a 491 lb. mako fishing south of the Texas Tower. THe anglers was Merrick's Ricky Morales and it took 3 hours to bring this giant to gaff. On Sunday's trip James Christiansen and party from New Rochelle fishing in 180' of water bagged a 350 lb. tiger with Richie Schmidt on the rod.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary** Friday night's bluefish trip for Dan O'shea and pals had a good catch at the Sisters on bait and chum. Mike O'Shea was high hook with 11 fish while dad Steve took the pool with an 8 lber. Saturday's fluke trip for Daily Lee Milk Co., Woodside, had roughly 70 keeper fluke at the end of the day. John Muller was high hook with 17 fluke. Vince Manguel took the pool with a 4½ lber. Sunday's blue trip for Nuclear Diagnostics, Queens, had a fair pick on jigs at the Sisters.

The **Miss Freeport II** has also been having good fluke catches all week mainly in Jones Inlet and off Lido. The boat's night bluefish trips have been very good on bait and chum with fish running 3-7 lbs.

The charter boats from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** have all been doing continued good ocean fluking. Bluefishing has been good all week, except for Saturday but things bounced back Sunday at the Sisters. The open boat **Super Spray II** has been slaughtering night bluefish advised dock master Bob Kay in the Sisters area on a steady basis.

Captain Sy of the **Blue Fin Fleet** reports his two boats have been having very good bluefishing all through the week and weekend with fish up to 14 lbs. working southeast and SW of Inlet. Fish are mostly 2-7 lbers. High hook of the week was Don Ducotey of Schein Corp. with 25 blues at the Channels. On that trip, 23 people had 250 blues. Saturday night saw 40 blues taken at 17 Fathoms and at the Sisters. The week's fluke trips have been good with fish up to 4 lbs. off Rockaway and Riis Park on spearing and squid.

Aboard the **Aloma II** this week night bluefishing trips were good on bait and chum with fish 3-7 lbs. while the fluking has also been good from Jones Inlet to Riis Park for fish up to 5 lbs.

Sailing 2 half day trips daily, the **Capt. Andy** has been banging fluke both inside and outside most of the week. Reynolds Channel and Long Creek are being worked on the inside. Friday was slow. Andy sailed a charter Saturday for 28 men from the International Home for the Blind, Bklyn. These gentlemen without benefit of sight managed a decent pick of blues up to 12 lbs. Our hats are off to them.

Down in **Pt. Lookout**, sailing 2 trips a day for fluke, Capt. Bill has been having fair to good fluking everyday, fishing outside in the ocean when conditions are favorable. Otherwise, he's been working the inlet and Sea Dog. Sand eels and fish belly are the hook bait. Pools are running 3-4 lbs. everyday. Saturday night's bluefish jigging trip was slow, but Friday night's was fair on 4-10 lbers. at the Sisters.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** advised that Monday's fluking was fair in Reynolds, Garretts Lead and at the golf course on squid and spearing for a 30% keeper ratio. Wednesday's trip for Bernadette Klein and group. Fluke in the ocean with 10 persons taking over 300 fish, 40% of which were keepers. Thursday's bluefish trip for John Ehner of E&W Deli, Rockville Centre, had excellent blues at the Sisters fish averaging 5-6 lbs. plus a few 8-10 lbers. on jigs. Friday night was bait and chum at the Sisters with bluefish catches of 10-20 per man. Saturday saw a 20% keeper ratio on fluke in Reynolds. Sunday's trip in Reynolds Channel, Shell Creek and Garretts Lead saw Reynolds the hottest for 14 members of the East Meadow Fire Dept. taking 300 fluke with a 20 percent keeper ratio. Big fluke of the week was a 7½ lber.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** tells of a 5, 4½ and 4 lb. fluke for Leo and Christopher Begnoche of New City, ages 10 and 8 respectively. Fishing at the juncture of Reynolds and Sloop. Fluke took an upturn this week. Ed Puzio and Bruno Grabiec, NJ, bragged of 42 keepers taken Thursday in the flats on spearing and squid. Flounder still a very good item at the CG station on worms. Some weaks at the Pt. Lookout jetty and from the beaches on bunker chunks. Blacks at the Meadowbrook and T wreck on fiddlers and green crabs.

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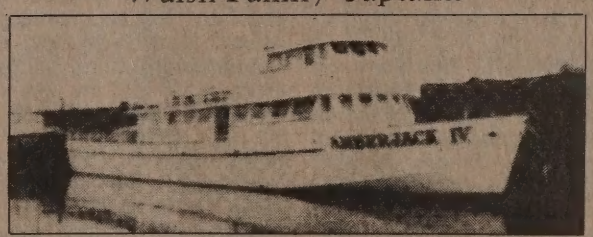

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Ronnie Lepper of the guide boat **Kim** called to report he's been having super weakfishing, fish going 6-12 lbs. fishing the Bight. Bluefish have been mixed in from ½ to 10 lbs. on diamond jigs, umbrella rigs, Nordic eels (red) and Tiger Tails.

Reynolds Reef Fishing Station advises the best fluking has been between Playland and Riis Park on sand eels and squid while from the AB Bridge west there's a lot of action and a lot of throwbacks on fluke. Early risers trolling the AB bridge with small umbrellas have been getting small stripers. Weakfishing still strong on the Tin Can on Tiger Tails. Blacks thinning out . Saturday aboard Mike Friend's Mirage, 500 lbs. of blues were chummed at Klondike from 10-15 lbs. 4 oz. Art Riemer had the 15 lb. 4 oz. fish and has made the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club board. Charlie Fina on his boat Miss Rose fished north of the Texas Tower taking a 68 lb. white marlin on a Kona Jet lure. On the rod was Cory Steinboeck.

Over in **Island Park** Capt Clem of the **Commodore** told of good fluking all week long except for Sunday with wind against tide. Even Saturday wit the heavy boat traffic was good. Fish ran from 14'' to 6 lbs. with a lot of 3-4 lbers. mixed in. Drifting conditions have been the main consideration. The bay has also been good and generally fluking is holding up nicely.

Beckmann's Tackle in **Lynbrook** said the big thing was still weakfish at the Can, big and in large numbers. Henrik Suhr on his boat Kirstin III on Saturday afternoon hoisted 13 weaks from 7-10 lbs. at the Can with a Nordic eel accounting for 11 of these 13 fish. Some albies and bones have been mixed in. Fluking has picked up dramatically in Reynolds, at Duck Point. It remains good in Ambrose Channel and off Rockaway. Blueclaw crabs continue super in Bay Park. Snappers have started but are small.

To the west in **Long Beach Sport Marina** we also learned of the weakfishing at the can being super during the week for 7-10 lb. fish on Tiger Tails with best fishing in the early morning and late afternoon. Weaks being trolled off Lido and under the bunker schools in Reynolds. Ocean fluking off Long Beach and Rockaway still remains good on all the usual baits including fish belly. Bay fluking has been sporadic with best action at buoys 5 and 9. Snappers are increasing in size and good BCCs at Lilco, Island Park.

NEW YORK BIGHT

To the west in **East Rockaway** **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** advises that the fluking remains good off Playland in 30' to 40' of water on spearing, sand eels, squid and belly. Reynolds Channel has been good on live killies. The Can is producing very good catches of weaks, 3-8 lbs. and blues 3 -5 lbs. Snappers and blue claw crabs very good in Bay Park. Sandy Kryschuk on the private boat Sandra K on Sunday had a 68 lb. white marlin on a Green Machine fishing NE of the tower. The same day Charlie Lamanno fishing on Marty's Twins scored with a 182 lb. bigeye tuna fishing at Hudson Canyon.

Further west in **Jamaica Bay** Lou at **Bayhead Marina** in **Rosedale** passes the word on that Fred Krug and Tracy Hillen got a load of 10-15 lb. weakfish in the lower bay with some blues and bass mixed in on Tiger Tails. Sand porgies, loads of 'em are at the head of the bay hitting and and bloodworms. The Bay is loaded with cocktail to 15 lb. blues.

Pat at **J-Bay Boat Rental** reports blues are still great all over the bay in the smaller variety and blues 8-9 lbs. are hitting live bunker at the south radar pier of JFK. There are more and bigger fluke now hitting killie-squid combos at Silver Hole. Porgies are all over the place getting bigger everyday, hitting worm bait. Small snappers in the bay now.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in **Howard Beach** tells of good porgy fishing off both bridges on both tides on sand worms. Catches of mixed blues, weaks and bass on bunker chunks from evening through dawn fished on the bottom. That's for the larger fish. Smaller ones are being taken on both tides during the day. Eels hitting worm all the time. Fluke catches improving on killy-squid combos off both bridges.

Over in **Sheepshead Bay** Capt. Butch of the **Zephyr** reports fair fluking all week long with Saturday's catches running from 10-30 keepers a man. Saturday's pool fish went 8 lbs. Sunday's went 5½ lbs. The week's fluke have averaged 1-3 lbs. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning fish 2-6 lbs. Butch has been working the Coney Island Flats, Tin Can, Red and black sides of New Channel and Sandy Hook Bay.

Aboard the **Pilot II** Captain Tom tells of super late afternoon weakfish and bluefish catches, getting one or the other or both. This has been on diamond jigs for blues and bait tails for weaks. Fares are starting to see porgies up to 1½ lbs. It's been picky on blackfish since blues averaging 1/2 lb. have been spooking them. By next week the porgies should be more solidly ensconced in our area.

Over the aqua in **Staten Island**, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** says there are still loads of small blues all over the place hitting small tins from Great Kills to Richmond Ave., from

boats and beaches. Fluking is still good from any beach area with sand eels and squid best. Weakfish have been good inside Great Kills harbor. Try drifting with worms or bunkers for weaks to 12 lbs., day and night. Loads of small porgies everywhere on worms and snappers galore all over.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Some blues and weakfish were around, and there were a few surprises on the bottom scene because of dawdling flounder. Open boats were running east for largest concentrations of fish.

Pete Pearson reported that the new **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle has been carrying her capacity crowd of 105 and turning away latecomers. She's been packing in 5 to 15 blues per man with fish in the 2-4 lb. class. A few weaks to 10 lb also show up. Target zones are a ride of 1½ to 1¾ hours east.

Hempstead Harbor and Execution Light were both mentioned by John Palmieri at **John's Gun & Tackle** as good spots in the early morning and evening for weaks of 7 lb or better. For those who specialize in weaks, jelly worms, Whip Tails and Tiger Tails are best bets. Those who troll umbrellas will find 2-3 lb blues.

Prospect Point and Sands Point were producing fluke as well as weakfish, according to John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** on City Island. Porgies were a slow pick in City Island waters.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported that there were some weakfish around, but even more exciting were the slammer bluefish in Hempstead Harbor for those who livelined bunker. On July 21, Art Miller hauled a 17 lb 6 oz blue into the Shop, and Miller and M. Johnson hit a 19 lb bass plus several weaks on Friday night. Albie Gonzales wound up with 70 flounder, many over 1 lb, from Dosoris Pond, and there were still Boston mackerel inside Morgans.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Heavy concentrations of weaks seem to have moved away from the beaches now, but those who fish from boats to the east continue to score on weaks and blues. Porgies were making news due to genuine jumbos mixed with the smaller fish, and fluke were also in the news in most areas.

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Packy Collins called to tell us that the **Ever Ready** was running to areas between the Lilco Platform and Penfield Reef with excellent results on weaks and blues during both daytime and evening trips. Even the rental rods were picking up 5-6 fish per fare, and regulars with their own tackle were doing three times as well or even better. During the daytime runs, there were usually one or two shots at the weaks under the blues with diamond jigs. Night trips are showing signs of "busting loose." The **Packy IV** took Al Mott, Joe Schneider, and Captain Billy out on a busman's holiday and filled a cooler with porgies to an honest 3¼ lb. Only one of the scup was under 1 lb.

Ronnie Ferraro said that the blues off Makamha were in 30' of water and that he'd weighed fluke over 5 lb from Eatons at **Ronnies** in Huntington Station. Northwesterlies and westerlies had cooled off the beach action considerably, but there were cocktail blues inside Cold Spring Harbor, according to Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop.** Incidentally, the bulk of the smaller fluke are in 7-8' of water close to the beach, but John Ambrosio weighed an 8 lb 1 oz doormat at the **4 Winds Bait & Tackle** that he took on a trolled bucktail. A few bass to 20 lb and weaks to 11 were also bucktailed in the dawn hours on Sunday morning.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport suggested Tri Fin Eel worms in dull red 1 oz sizes along with 5½" Jointed Rebels for those working on weaks close to the beaches. Diamond jig fans might look for surface action and put teasers above their jigs. Tom Bowman also informed us that there are 12" snappers off the town dock already.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jeff saw porgy catches of 1 lb fish all the way up to 50-100 scup over the weekend. These fish were off Oldfield and Crane's, but Dick Brown at **Dick's** in Mount Sinai feels that these porgies can be taken now along the North Shore "anyplace there's water." Fluke have broken loose off White Beach with most of the fish in the 2-3 lb range and sand eel-squid combinations the best bet. The blues in the Port Jeff to Mount Sinai area can be found in all sizes from 1½ to 8 lb or more. Henry Olsen on the **Captain Hank** says that 3 and 4 oz diamond jig sizes seem to work best on the cocktail blues with tails not really necessary. His biggest weak last week was a 10½ lb fish taken Wednesday.

Jeanette Fisher said that the **Aqua Gem** was running into very strong bluefish action even though the weakfish had dropped off by Sunday. Miller Place was the scene of Sunday's best fishing.

NORTH FORK

A buildup of porgies seems to be underway on the Sound with good fluking for those who probe the areas inshore. The best diamond jigging action for blues and weaks is to the west, and there are flounder and blackfish to be found off the eastern tip. Peconic porgies continue to hold up, though sizes are smaller.

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in Aquebogue said that blues and some weaks were handled by diamond jiggers with green tubes off Buoy 5 on the Sound. Jig sizes are 4 and 6 oz, and the best weak weighed 9 lbs.

Porgies are all over, from the wrecks off Reeves all the way to the Firing Range, and the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** feels that the porgy fishing has improved considerably. Fluking has also picked up, although it's nowhere near the peak of some weeks ago.

Jim Dunkirk mentioned very good fluking right off the **Port of Egypt Station** in **orient.** Fish down at the Ruins are fewer in number but larger in size than those on the Sound. The **Blue Albatross** hit one pod of 3-4 lb. fluke on one day last week, but saw smaller fluke at other times. Pool winning fish were still in the 6 lb. class, however. The Bluebird Anglers accounted for good numbers of summer flounder on Saturday when Chris Fieldstadt topped the list with 18 fish, and Bill Blaird took the pool. Incidentally, John Rainis has been doing well with killie/strip combinations on most days on the Sound.

Reports from the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** tell of good porgy angling on the open boats, **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** down east of Gardiner's with the scup in mixed sizes. There are also small blues down Gardiner's way.

Sal Loria at **Capt. Marty's** filed the report on Peconic porgies. Catches up to 160 scup were recorded off Buoy 1 with some anglers also working the Middle Grounds Buoy 18 and Nassau Point Buoy 22. A group of 15 summer weaks showed up with a catch of over 100 scup off Buoy 1 as well. One serendipitous catch of scup from the Greenlawns was checked in at the Port of Egypt in Southold. A 2 lb. porgy was in that group of fish.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

A warning bell was sounded last week by a concerned member of the **Sound Shore Bluff Property Homeowners Assoc.** in the form of a plea to thos anglers who work the LI Sound Shore adjacent to the Northport Lilco Plant and gain access through a parcel known as the Kircshlaum Property. Rhw pweaon, who requested anonymity, explained that most homewoners hod tolerated anglers gaining access through their property but that in recent weeks the situation has become intolerable due to incidents of vandalism, theft, and invasion of privacy, (peeping Toms), occurring at all hours of the night.

As a result, the Assoc. is now pressuring local police to strictly enforce no parking or trespassing regulations in an effort to put an end to the abuses.

So, once again it's a case of a few bad apples spoiling it for everyone else and making access along the North Shore even tougher than it already is. The gentleman I spoke to, requested that surfmen be made aware of the situation an further asked that they cooperate by obeying existing laws. As an alternative, it was suggested that pressure be applied on the Town of Huntington to allow anglers night access to Crab Meadow where a night watchman is already on duty.

At the moment, any such access would likely be restricted to residents only.

The L.I.F. is planning to draft some propIsals in the near future which we hope to present to the Island's various townships in hopes of establishing a fishing permit which would be widely recognized around the Island in an effort to eliminate an increasingly serious lack of access to beaches. It may be a long shot but its better than no shot at all. Surfmen with any ideas on the subject are invited to share them with us. Here's how the fishing

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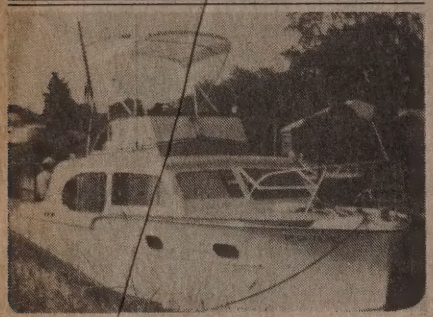

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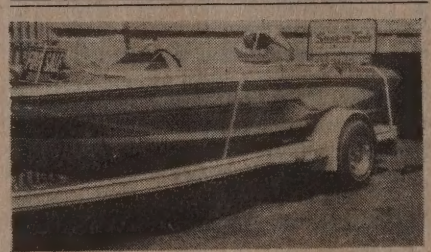

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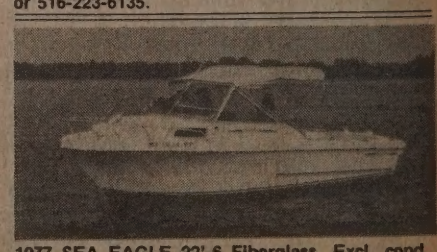

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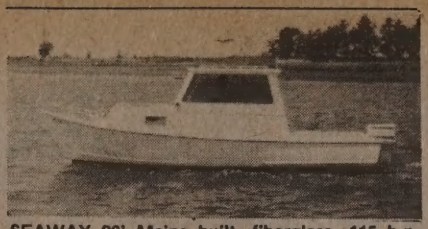

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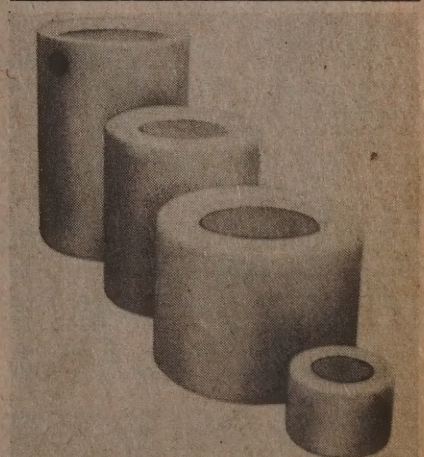

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staten Island, with its abundant supply of bait, continues to hold blues and weaks. The scenario remained pretty much the same with lots of small blues being taken at Great Kills Park on tin and big choppers falling to chunk bait after dark along South Beach. Kevin Koncelik of **Santo's Sport Shop** who relays our Staten Island surf news said that casters working the bar at the mouth of Great Kills Harbor have been taking big weakfish after dark on cut bunker. Bass news from the island is virtually non-existant.

A call from John Christianson who handles the publicity for the hard fishing Striper Surf Club revealed some fine stripers taken by club member on Sunday night. Bill Rothwell of College Point used a home made plug to entice a 26 pound striper from an Atlantic Beach rock pile. A short distance away, Jack Dristoll of Garden City fed bunker chunks to bass of 24 & 29 pounds.

Small blues and some weakfish dominate the scene in both Jones Inlet and Fire Island Inlet. The fish have been within reach of casters at West End, Jones Beach and also at Democrat Point as well as the Sore Thumb. Small tins, like the Tri-fin spoon jig and 007 diamond-tube combo have been effective in daylight hours while rebels and redfins take over after dark. A few weakfish after dark on sandworms at Democrat Point.

From Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Shinnecock** came word of small blues to 5 pounds along the open beach west of Shinnecock Inlet. Netters took some bass and weaks along Southampton ocean beaches but no fish were reported from this area on hook and line. The inlet which had bass life last week was quiet this week.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch, Jr. of **Johnny's Bait and Tackle** said that weaks continued to be caught by wet suiters working southside rocks as well as weakfish rock. Some blues in the 6-8 pound class were mixed with the weaks. Jack Yee had 6 weaks and 4 blues on loaded redfins on Friday night while George Delecki clicked with another bass in the 20 pound class from the south side. Some weaks still being taken at Shagwong and at Gin Beach with the fish along Gin Beach being tougher to catch than those at the point. Black back or yellow back redfins working on these fish. John also knew of a few blues taken early Monday morning on the Sand Beach at Hither Hills.

Up on the North Shore Phil Nasi of **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported 4 bass in the 10 pound range for Ron Oldenberg Friday night from a local rock pile. Some blues around for bunker chunkers. Most are 3-5 pounds with a few to 10 pounds at the Hempstead Harbor Breakwater and Prybil Beach.

In the Huntington area, Ronnie Ferraro, of **Ronnies Bait and Tackle** told of small blues to 4 pounds along with some weaks and occasional small bass between sunset and sunrise at Caumsett. Both Sunken Meadow and Makamah Beaches see occasional flurries of small bluefish action along with a few weakfish after dark.

Stan Henschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported the only activity in his immediate area continued to be small blues which raid the beaches during the evening or early morning hours. An occasional weak taken down near Cedar Beach mixed with the bluefish. Stan did have an encouraging North Fork report as a result of a recent busman's holiday. Working a stretch of beach near Hortons Point, Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights resulted in over 30 weakfish from 8-13 pounds and 7 school bass for the vacationing tackle man. Returning to the scene this past Friday, Stan found a 24 pound striper. All of this action was on Redfins.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
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SAT.	5:15	5:45	5:25	5:55	6:05	6:30	7:15	7:30	9:45	10:05	9:00	9:15	5:10	5:40	7/31
SUN.	6:10	6:35	6:20	6:45	7:00	7:15	8:00	8:10	10:30	10:50	9:45	10:00	6:00	6:25	8/1
MON.	6:55	7:15	7:10	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:40	8:50	11:15	11:25	10:30	10:40	6:50	7:10	8/2
TUE.	7:40	7:55	7:50	8:10	8:30	8:40	9:20	9:25	11:55	11:55	11:10	11:20	7:30	7:50	8/3
WED.	8:20	8:35	8:30	8:50	9:10	9:15	10:00	10:05	–	12:25	11:50	–	8:15	8:30	8/4
THUR.	9:00	9:10	9:10	9:25	9:45	9:50	10:35	10:40	12:10	12:40	12:00	12:25	8:55	9:10	8/5

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STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
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TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
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Graveling Point	+1 05
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HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
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Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

7/30	5:51	8:21
7/31	5:52	8:20
8/1	5:53	8:19
8/2	5:54	8:18
8/3	5:55	8:16
8/4	5:56	8:15
8/5	5:57	8:14

Moonrise/Moonset

7/30	4:16PM	1:33AM
7/31	5:13PM	2:09AM
8/1	6:06PM	2:49AM
8/2	6:55PM	3:35AM
8/3	7:40PM	4:26AM
8/4	8:19PM	5:22AM
8/5	8:54PM	6:21AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/19	8/26	8/4	8/12

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:50	**6:50**	12:55	**7:15**
Fri.	1:30	**7:35**	1:45	**8:00**
Sat.	2:15	**8:15**	2:25	**8:40**
Sun.	2:55	**9:00**	3:10	**9:25**
Mon.	3:40	**9:50**	4:00	**10:10**
Tues.	4:25	**10:30**	4:40	**10:55**
Wed.	5:10	**11:20**	5:30	**11:40**
Thurs.	5:55	—	6:20	**12:10**

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